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Overview

9.1 The programme of work under this section has been elaborated within the framework of programme 28 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001, as revised (A/53/6/Rev.1) and will be implemented by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

9.2 The promotion of development in a rapidly globalizing world, reflected in the deepening interdependence of nations and issues, is one of the foremost challenges facing the world today. The new opportunities, challenges and risks demand strengthened multilateralism, especially in responding to the critical needs of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition. As recognized in the Agenda for Development, the United Nations constitutes a unique forum for building international consensus on global priorities and has a central role in promoting international development cooperation. The overall orientation of programme 28 is strengthening the role of the Organization in the promotion of international cooperation for development in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, especially in the context of globalization and interdependence.

9.3 The mandates for the programme derive from the Secretariat's responsibility to provide substantive support to the General Assembly, in particular the Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and relevant subsidiary bodies, from relevant resolutions on international economic cooperation, the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, operational activities for development and public administration and development and from relevant aspects of the mandate of the Secretary-General, including his responsibilities as the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

9.4 The major focus of the work programme in the biennium 2000–2001, will be promoting the implementation, monitoring and review of agreed plans, strategies, programmes or platforms for action, including the outcome of United Nations conferences and special sessions, in particular through the five-year reviews of the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women in 2000. It will also provide support to the high-level intergovernmental consideration of financing for development and to the preparations for a related forum, expected not later than 2001. The Agenda for Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/240 of 20 June 1997, will provide a broad frame of reference and policy guidance for the activities in support of international cooperation for development. As part of its normative activities, the Department will facilitate international dialogue on economic and social development cooperation issues with a view to facilitating policy development and standard-setting and building consensus in the relevant areas by providing substantive support to standing and ad hoc intergovernmental processes. The programme will assist Member States in developing integrated and coordinated policy responses to development issues. In implementing the programme, particular attention will be paid to the special needs of Africa and least developed countries, small island developing States and South-South cooperation, as well as to the need to incorporate a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system. Activities under programme 6 of the medium-term plan, Africa: New Agenda for Development, that are the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social

Affairs, are presented separately in section 10 of the proposed programme budget, in line with the provisions of Assembly resolutions 49/219 (part V) of 23 December 1994 and 50/214 (part III, section 7B) of 23 December 1995.

9.5 The programme will be implemented utilizing the capacities of the Department for normative, analytical, statistical and technical cooperation activities. The policy analysis activities of the programme are designed and executed in direct support of the normative and policy-making functions of the Organization and are aimed at promoting understanding of and enhancing insights into the development processes. This work assists Member States and the international community in determining development priorities and in devising policies and measures to achieve them at the international, regional, subregional, national and local levels. As part of its policy analysis, the Department will monitor, analyse and evaluate global economic and social policies and trends, including population trends; make projections and identify new and emerging issues requiring attention by the international community; monitor the advancement and empowerment of women; analyse the role of the State and the public sector in development; and compile and disseminate analytical statistical data and economic and social indicators with a view to facilitating the formulation and monitoring of development strategies and goals at the international, regional and national levels.

9.6 The Department's policy advisory services, supplemented by research and training, will support the efforts of Governments, at their request and in accordance with their national policies, to formulate development strategies and build national capacities aimed at the promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences in such fields as economic and social development, the advancement of women, public administration and finance, natural resources and energy and their interface with environmental statistics and population studies. The Department will assist, within the context of national needs and priorities, in the development of programmes and projects aimed at strengthening human, institutional and policy-making capabilities. To maximize the impact of the programme's advisory services, South-South cooperation arrangements will be bolstered wherever appropriate.

9.7 The Department's functions represent a crucial interface between global policies and national action and between research and operational activities, thereby facilitating the translation of international agreements into strategies at the country level and feeding back lessons learned and experiences gained from the country level into the international policy development process. In implementing the programme, the Department will also aim at strengthening linkages between the United Nations and civil society and at developing innovative means of cooperation and modes of partnership in areas of common interest, including through the appropriate use of panels and round tables and through encouraging dialogue.

9.8 The Department will also continue to assist the Secretary-General in enhancing policy coherence in the management of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and in promoting policy and programme coordination among organizations of the United Nations system. Thus, the Department will provide support to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs in his function as convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, comprising, in addition to the Department, UNCTAD, UNEP, the regional commissions and some United Nations research institutes, and as the programme manager for the Development Account. At the inter-agency level, the Department will focus on promoting a stronger interface between the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Economic and Social Council. It will also provide administrative support to the new Office for Inter-Agency Affairs charged with the servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and will give special attention to the provision of substantive support to the subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination falling under its purview, such as the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development and the Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

9.9 The regular budget resources proposed under this section would amount to $107,283,700, reflecting an increase of $325,300 from the previous biennium. The increase of $325,300 is the net result of increases and decreases as follows: (a) increases proposed under general temporary assistance in connection with the special sessions on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the World Summit

for Social Development and the preparation of backlog volumes of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*; consultants and experts in connection with the preparatory work for the special sessions of the General Assembly, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on Financing for Development and the work programme under various subprogrammes; travel related to the organization of panels of eminent personalities and experts to be held in conjunction with the Second and the Third Committees of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies on issues of concern to them, including the high-level meeting on the renewal of dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership and travel of staff to service and participate in meetings and for consultations, liaison and coordination missions; (b) decrease representing the 1998 provisions for the interim secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa. As from 1 January 1999, the permanent secretariat of the Convention has been financed through the assessment of its States parties, and accordingly, has ceased to be funded through the regular budget.

9.10 It is estimated that during the biennium 2000–2001, extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $217,022,400 will be utilized for technical cooperation, preparation of guidelines for Governments and country profiles; workshops; seminars; fellowships; advisory services; expansion, development and maintenance of Web sites and databases; preparation of reports and studies; convening of expert group meetings; and use of experts/specialists to provide in-depth analysis. At the time of preparation of these estimates, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions had approved the establishment of a D-1 post utilizing extrabudgetary funds for a period of two years to provide expertise on multisectoral gender mainstreaming throughout the United Nations system, which is reflected under subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women.

9.11 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources to be made available to the Department in the biennium 2000–2001 would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
A. Policy-making organs	3.6	–
B. Executive direction and management	3.9	–
C. Programme of work	84.8	97.5
D. Programme support	7.7	2.5
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

9.12 The distribution of the resources under the section is summarized in tables 9.1 to 9.3 below.

Table 9.1 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs	2 568.0	3 103.8	760.1	24.4	3 863.9	185.1	4 049.0
B. Executive direction and management	5 547.6	4 555.5	(305.9)	(6.7)	4 249.6	234.1	4 483.7
C. Programme of work	97 081.4	91 572.7	(764.6)	(0.8)	90 808.1	5 665.7	96 473.8
D. Programme support	10 903.5	7 726.4	635.7	8.2	8 362.1	454.0	8 816.1
Total	**116 100.5**	**106 958.4**	**325.3**	**0.3**	**107 283.7**	**6 538.9**	**113 822.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
15 340.4	9 203.6	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	9 273.4
Subtotal (a)	**15 340.4**	**9 203.6**	**9 273.4**
		(b) Substantive activities	
117.6	629.4	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	477.7
2 683.8	4 317.8	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	2 289.2
198.5	294.9	United Nations Trust Fund for Case Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	–
163.6	521.1	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	–
107.2	162.2	United Nations Youth Fund	–
54.1	–	Trust Fund for Ageing	–
780.9	3 057.5	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	2 566.3
5 957.8	4 613.8	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
572.7	494.5	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries affected by Desertification and Drought, in Particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
718.4	1 715.8	Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	1 165.8
269.9	360.5	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	–
227.9	647.1	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	–
5.8	14.6	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	–
5 836.7	3 892.9	UNFPA	–
Subtotal (b)	**17 694.9**	**20 722.1**	**6 499.0**

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000–2001 estimates
		(c) Operational projects	
77 506.0	149 000.0	UNDP	165 000.0
8 672.0	8 000.0	UNFPA	4 000.0
51 111.0	47 000.0	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Fund	32 250.0
Subtotal (c)	**137 289.0**	**204 000.0**	**201 250.0**
Total (a), (b) and (c)	**170 324.3**	**233 925.7**	**217 022.4**
Total (1) and (2)	**286 424.8**	**340 884.1**	**330 845.0**

Table 9.2 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000–2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	102 443.5	93 502.5	(1 254.5)	(1.3)	92 248.0	5 836.7	98 084.7
Other staff costs	1 395.8	1 182.1	773.1	65.4	1 955.2	95.1	2 050.3
Non-staff compensation	142.0	142.0	–	–	142.0	4.3	146.3
Consultants and experts	2 740.7	2 538.0	504.0	19.8	3 042.0	147.8	3 189.8
Travel	4 311.6	4 553.3	295.4	6.4	4 848.7	235.7	5 084.4
Contractual services	540.2	876.8	56.1	6.3	932.9	45.1	978.0
General operating expenses	2 310.7	1 850.0	(34.2)	(1.8)	1 815.8	88.3	1 904.1
Hospitality	19.9	22.8	(2.9)	(12.7)	19.9	1.0	20.9
Supplies and materials	249.0	243.3	(7.5)	(3.0)	235.8	11.5	247.3
Furniture and equipment	1 421.9	897.5	(4.2)	(0.4)	893.3	43.5	936.8
Grants and contributions	525.2	1 150.1	–	–	1 150.1	29.9	1 180.0
Total	**116 100.5**	**106 958.4**	**325.3**	**0.3**	**107 283.7**	**6 538.9**	**113 822.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Object of expenditure	2000–2001 estimates
16 344.9	9 383.6	Posts	6 579.0
4 016.1	4 037.9	Other staff costs	2 478.0
2 615.7	7 636.9	Consultants and experts	2 898.9
2 662.2	2 945.5	Travel	517.1
513.8	512.9	Contractual services	222.8
1 289.5	534.8	General operating expenses	283.4
75.5	36.5	Supplies and materials	7.0
126.8	53.0	Furniture and equipment	30.4
5 051.2	4 453.5	Fellowships, grants, contributions	2 749.1
137 628.6	204 331.1	Other	201 256.7
Total	**170 324.3**	**233 925.7**	**217 022.4**
Total (1) and (2)	**286 424.8**	**340 884.1**	**330 845.0**

Table 9.3 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Department of Economic and Social Affairs

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
ASG	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
D-2	8	8	–	–	1	–	9	8
D-1	31	31	–	–	4	6	35	37
P-5	60	60	–	–	11	5	71	65
P-4/3	146	146	–	–	13	7	159	153
P-2/1	39	39	–	–	5	5	44	44
Total	**287**	**287**	**–**	**–**	**34**	**23**	**321**	**310**
General Service category								
Principal level	33	33	–	–	5	5	38	38
Other level	197	197	–	–	16	10	213	207
Total	**230**	**230**	**–**	**–**	**21**	**15**	**251**	**245**
Grand total	**517**	**517**	**–**	**–**	**55**	**38**	**572**	**555**

A. Policy-making organs

9.13 Provision is made under this subsection for requirements related to standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies, special sessions of the General Assembly and intergovernmental processes, the servicing of which is the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and which are deemed to require specific provisions.

Table 9.4 **Summary of requirements policy-making organs**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Policy-making organ	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Statistical Commission	55.4	58.4	–	–	58.4	2.8	61.2
Commission on Population and Development	78.9	94.3	–	–	94.3	4.6	98.9
Commission for Social Development	79.5	157.3	–	–	157.3	7.6	164.9
Commission on the Status of Women	136.3	183.5	–	–	183.5	8.9	192.4
Commission on Sustainable Development	416.9	837.5	–	–	837.5	40.7	878.2
Committee for Development Policy	307.0	292.4	–	–	292.4	14.2	306.6

Policy-making organ	1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000–2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development	197.0	164.4	–	–	164.4	8.0	172.4
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	814.0	1 031.2	(133.7)	(12.9)	897.5	41.0	938.5
Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance	112.9	147.9	–	–	147.9	7.2	155.1
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	139.5	136.9	–	–	136.9	6.7	143.6
Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action	–	–	287.9	–	287.9	13.9	301.8
Special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development	–	–	546.3	–	546.3	26.6	572.9
Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on Financing for Development	–	–	59.6	–	59.6	2.9	62.5
High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development	230.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**2 568.0**	**3 103.8**	**760.1**	**24.4**	**3 863.9**	**185.1**	**4 049.0**

Table 9.5 Summary of requirements by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000–2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Other staff costs	–	–	372.3	–	372.3	18.2	390.5
Non-staff compensation	142.0	142.0	–	–	142.0	4.3	146.3
Consultants and experts	–	–	307.9	–	307.9	14.9	322.8
Travel	2 426.0	2 961.8	–	–	2 961.8	143.9	3 105.7
Contractual services	–	–	59.9	–	59.9	2.9	62.8
General operating expenses	–	–	20.0	–	20.0	0.9	20.9
Total	**2 568.0**	**3 103.8**	**760.1**	**24.4**	**3 863.9**	**185.1**	**4 049.0**

1. Standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies

Statistical Commission

9.14 The Statistical Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 8 (I) of 16 and 18 February 1946. Its terms of reference, as set out in Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) of 21 June 1946 and 1566 (L) of 3 May 1971, are to assist the Council in: (a) promoting the development of national statistics and the improvement of their comparability; (b) coordinating the statistical work of the specialized agencies; (c) developing the central statistical services of the Secretariat; (d) advising the organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, interpretation and dissemination of statistical information; and (e) promoting the improvement of statistical methods in general.

9.15 The Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1306 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968. At its seventeenth session, the Statistical Commission decided that the Working Group should: (a) deal with questions of policy, coordination and priorities of the statistical programmes of the United Nations system; (b) constitute a means by which the Statistical Commission could maintain contact, between biennial meetings, with the work of the Statistics Division of the Secretariat and of the statistical services of the specialized agencies; (c) consider current questions relating to the United Nations system of organization, policies, arrangements and priorities for the electronic data processing of economic and social statistics, including databases; and (d) consider questions regarding the statistics required for the purpose of reviews and appraisals.

9.16 The thirty-first session of the Statistical Commission will be held from 1 to 5 March 2001, and the twentieth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination will be held from 10 to 13 February 2000.

Commission on Population and Development

9.17 The Population Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 3 (III) of 3 October 1946. Its terms of reference were initially set out in Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948. Following the International Conference on Population and Development and its adoption of the Programme of Action, the General Assembly, by its resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, renamed the Population Commission the Commission on Population and Development, decided that it should meet on an annual basis and revised its terms of reference. The mandate of the Commission was further revised by the Assembly in its resolution 50/124 of 20 December 1995. The membership of the Commission was increased from 27 to 47, and each member is elected for a four-year term (Council decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995). The Commission normally meets annually for a period of five working days.

9.18 The revised mandate of the Commission includes: (a) arranging for studies and advising the Council on population issues and trends; integrating population and development strategies and population and related development policies and programmes; providing population assistance; and addressing any population and development questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice; (b) monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the national, regional and global levels, identifying reasons for success and failure and advising the Council thereon; and (c) reviewing the findings of research and analysis pertaining to the interrelationship between population and development at the national, regional and global levels and advising the Council thereon.

Commission for Social Development

9.19 The Social Commission was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council resolution 10 (II) of 21 June 1946. As a result of a comprehensive reappraisal of the role of the Commission, the Council, in its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, renamed it the Commission for Social Development to clarify its role as a preparatory body of the Council for the entire range of social

development policy. Following the convening of the World Summit for Social Development in 1995, the Council, by its resolution 1995/60 of 28 July 1995, decided that the Commission should review, on a periodic basis, issues related to the follow-up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action adopted by the Summit. The Council also decided that the Commission should review its mandate, terms of reference and scope of work in order to elaborate its multi-year programme of work, and should review the frequency of its meetings in the light of its responsibility for the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Summit. By its resolution 1996/7, the Council decided to expand the membership of the Commission from 32 to 46 and to meet in annual sessions of eight working days. The Council also decided to invite experts to participate in the meetings of the Commission when priority subjects addressed in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action were under discussion. The thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from 8 to 18 February 2000, and its thirty-ninth session will be held in February 2001.

Commission on the Status of Women

9.20 The Commission on the Status of Women was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council resolution 11 (II) of 21 June 1946. Originally 15, the membership was increased to 18 in 1951, to 21 in 1961 and to 32 in 1966. By its resolution 1989/45, the Council decided to enlarge the membership to 45 in 1990. The Commission reports to the Economic and Social Council on matters concerning the promotion of women's rights in the political, economic, social and educational fields and makes recommendations to the Council on problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights. It meets annually in New York for 10 working days. Its sessions bring together observers from within and outside the United Nations system.

9.21 The Commission has a central role within the United Nations system in monitoring the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action and advising the Council thereon in accordance with its strengthened mandate. In its resolution 1996/6 of 22 July 1996, the Council gave the Commission a catalytic role in mainstreaming the gender perspective in policies and programmes and confirmed its existing mandates. The Commission will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the review and appraisal of the Platform for Action (General Assembly resolution 52/100) and will be open-ended for the purpose of preparation. Its forty-fourth session, in 2000, will be extended by five days.

9.22 In line with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/29, the Commission established an open-ended working group responsible for the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which meets in parallel with the Commission. The Optional Protocol was adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women on 12 March 1999.

Commission on Sustainable Development

9.23 The Commission on Sustainable Development was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993. Its functions are set out in General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992. The Commission is composed of 53 members elected for a term of office of three years, meets annually for a period of two to three weeks and receives substantive and technical services from the Department. The Commission reports to the Council and provides recommendations to the Assembly through the Council. The Commission has a practice of establishing two ad hoc open-ended inter-sessional working groups that meet once a year for a period of one working week to deal with issues determined by the Commission.

9.24 The General Assembly, at its nineteenth special session, decided, in its resolution S-19/2 of 28 June 1997, that preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the issue of energy should be initiated at the seventh session of the Commission, in 1999, and should utilize an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development, to be convened in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the eighth and ninth sessions of the Commission in 2000 and 2001 respectively.

9.25 The Intergovernmental Forum on Forests was established as a subsidiary body of the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/65 of 25 July 1997, in accordance with General Assembly resolution S/19-2. The Forum meets annually for a period of up to two weeks and reports to the Commission.

9.26 In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1997/317, of 16 December 1997, the fourth session of the Forum will take place in February/March 2000. Depending on the decision of the Commission at its eighth session, in 2000, the Forum will engage in further action on establishing an intergovernmental negotiation process on new arrangements and mechanisms or a legally binding instrument on all types of forests (General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex, para. 40).

Committee for Development Policy

9.27 The Economic and Social Council, in annex I.B of its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, renamed the Committee for Development Planning, functioning in accordance with Council resolutions 1035 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 and 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and decision 1995/215 of 10 February 1995, as the Committee for Development Policy, and reconfirmed its status as a subsidiary body of the Council. In accordance with resolution 1998/46, the Committee is to be composed of 24 independent experts, with expertise drawn from the fields of economic development, social development and environmental protection, and reflect adequate geographical and gender balance. Membership is to include experts who are able to contribute on emerging issues and contribute to the multilateral process. The experts are nominated by the Secretary-General, following consultation with interested Governments, and approved by the Council. The term of office of the members is three years. The Committee is called upon to undertake a triennial review of the status of least developed countries and to meet on this issue once every three years. The Council is to decide on an appropriate work programme for the Committee. In January/February of each year, the Council, at the time of deciding the themes for its substantive session, should advise the Committee of the theme(s) to be considered at the Committee's annual session, not to exceed five working days, to be held in April/May. The Committee will submit its report to the Council at its substantive session in July. The report will also include the Committee's proposals to the Council concerning its work programme for the following year for consideration and approval at the next organizational session of the Council in January/February. The General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council can also propose, through the Council, issues for consideration by the Committee. Dissemination of information on the Committee's work should be improved, including through the establishment of an Internet Web site and through a presentation by its Bureau on the outcome of its deliberations. In undertaking its responsibilities, the Committee should, in addition to holding its formal meetings, explore the scope for effective preparations for their deliberations via informal networking arrangements. The Secretariat should provide assistance in that regard.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

9.28 The Committee on Natural Resources, a subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council whose terms of reference are defined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992, and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, established by the Council in its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, with its terms of reference set out in Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992, were merged into a single expert body named the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development by the Council in annex I.C and D of its resolution 1998/46. The Committee is composed of two sub-groups of 12 experts nominated by Governments and approved by the Council. One sub-group deals with issues related to energy, and the other with issues related to water resources. The term of office of the experts is to be four years. The Committee meets biennially for two weeks.

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

9.29 The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established in accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979. It reviews reports of States parties submitted in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and formulates suggestions and general recommendations. The Committee reports annually through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly. As from 1997, the 23-member Committee holds two regular annual sessions in New York of 15 working days each, and each session is preceded by a five-day pre-session working group.

Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

9.30 By its resolution 1199 (XLII) of 24 May 1967, the Economic and Social Council decided that the United Nations programme in public administration should be reviewed from time to time by a meeting of experts and that the report of the meeting should be submitted to it for consideration. Some 20 to 25 experts are invited by the Secretary-General in their individual capacity to participate in the Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance. The fifteenth meeting will be held in April/May 2000 for a period of 10 days (Council decision 1998/219).

Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

9.31 The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters was set up in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1273 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 and consists of 25 tax experts (10 from developed and 15 from developing countries) nominated by their Governments but acting in their personal capacity.

9.32 The Group reports to the Economic and Social Council and holds biennial sessions at Geneva for 10 days. The Group will hold its tenth meeting in 2001. Its sessions are devoted to the conclusion of tax treaties between developed and developing countries that are acceptable to both parties and that fully safeguard their respective revenue interests.

2. Special sessions and intergovernmental processes

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action

9.33 In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 52/100 of 12 December 1997 and 52/231 of 4 June 1998, a special session of the General Assembly is to be held from 5 to 9 June 2000 to review, appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Platform for Action five years after its adoption and to consider further actions and initiatives.

Special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

9.34 By its resolutions, 50/161 of 22 December 1995 and 52/25 of 26 November 1997, the General Assembly decided to hold a special session in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and to consider further action and initiatives.

Ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly on financing for development

9.35 By its resolution 52/179 of 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group to undertake an in-depth examination of all aspects of the issues relating to financing for development and to submit recommendations on the form, scope and agenda of a summit, an international

conference, a special session of the General Assembly or other appropriate high-level international intergovernmental forum on financing for development to further global partnership for development, to be convened not later than 2001.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

9.36 Resource requirements for policy-making organs are reflected by organ in table 9.4 and by object of expenditure in table 9.5. Explanations are provided below.

Other staff costs

9.37 In the context of preparation for and servicing of the special sessions of the General Assembly, new and non-recurrent provisions of $372,300 are proposed to cover anticipated requirements under general temporary assistance and overtime as follows:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action. A provision of $129,100 is proposed under general temporary assistance, equivalent to seven work-months each for one P-3 and two General Service (Other level) staff ($127,000), and overtime during peak workload periods ($2,100) to supplement the Secretariat's capacity for outreach and coordination activities;

(b) Special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development. A provision of $243,200 under general temporary assistance, equivalent to about seven work-months each for two staff at the P-4 level and two staff at the General Service (Other level), to provide specialized input and to enhance the Secretariat's support capacities ($233,300), as well as overtime requirements during peak workload periods ($9,900), is proposed.

Non-staff compensation

9.38 The estimated requirements of $142,000 relate to the provision for honoraria payments to the 23 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Consultants and experts

9.39 A new and non-recurrent provision of $307,900 would be required for consultancy services to provide expertise not available in the Department as follows:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action. Consultants to undertake studies and prepare syntheses and promotional materials ($39,700) and one ad hoc expert group to review studies and documents for submission to the special session ($39,700);

(b) Special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development. Consultants to prepare six studies related to the priority themes of the special session and to serve as resource personnel at the ad hoc expert group meeting where the studies are to be discussed ($119,200) and one ad hoc expert group meeting to discuss priority themes prior to submission to the special session ($49,700);

(c) Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on Financing for Development. Consultancy services for preparation of specialized studies and analyses required in support of the Group ($59,600).

Travel

9.40 The estimated requirements of $2,961,800 would provide for travel costs as follows:

(a) *Travel of members, representatives and experts*

(i) Statistical Commission (thirty-first session) and its working group (twentieth session): $58,400;

(ii) Commission on Population and Development (2 annual sessions): $94,300;

(iii) Commission for Social Development (2 annual sessions): $157,300;

(iv) Commission on the Status of Women (2 annual sessions): $183,500;

(v) Commission on Sustainable Development (2 annual sessions of the Commission, 2 meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group and 2 sessions of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests in Geneva): $837,500;

(vi) Committee for Development Policy (2 annual sessions): $292,400 for travel costs and per diem;

(vii) Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (1 biennial session): $164,400 for travel costs and per diem;

(viii) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: $755,500 for travel costs and per diem of the 23 members of the Committee as well as the travel and subsistence costs of the members of the Committee and for the Chairperson of the Committee or her/his representative when they attend meetings of other United Nations organs dealing with women's rights, as well as meetings of treaty bodies dealing with human rights. The amount of $897,500 shown in table 9.4 includes $142,000 for honoraria paid to the members of the Committee (see above). The reduction of $133,700 shown in that table relates to a past non-recurrent provision that is no longer required;

(ix) Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance: $147,900 for the travel costs and per diem of the experts to attend the fifteenth meeting in 2000;

(x) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters: $136,900 for travel costs and per diem of the experts to attend the tenth meeting in Geneva in 2001;

(b) *Travel of staff*

(i) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action: travel of staff for national briefings and meetings and other activities related to the special session ($34,400);

(ii) Special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: travel of staff for national briefings, meetings and other related activities prior to and after the special session ($99,300).

Contractual services

9.41 A new and non-recurrent provision of $59,900 would be required for the external production of publications related to the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action ($40,000) and the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development ($19,900).

General operating expenses

9.42 A new and non-recurrent provision of $20,000 would cover anticipated hospitality and other miscellaneous expenses in connection with the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action ($5,000) and the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development ($15,000).

B. Executive direction and management

Table 9.6 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 963.4	3 691.3	(821.5)	(22.2)	2 869.8	186.4	3 056.2
Other staff costs	–	193.4	–	–	193.4	9.4	202.8
Consultants and experts	–	–	151.2	–	151.2	7.4	158.6
Travel	141.5	271.8	364.4	134.0	636.2	30.9	667.1
General operating expenses	5.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	2.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	35.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions	399.0	399.0	–	–	399.0	–	399.0
Total	**5 547.6**	**4 555.5**	**(305.9)**	**(6.7)**	**4 249.6**	**234.1**	**4 483.7**

Table 9.7 **Post requirements**

Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
ASG	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	3	2	–	–	–	–	3	2
P-4/3	4	3	–	–	–	–	4	3
Total	**10**	**8**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10**	**8**
General Service category								
Other level	9	6	–	–	–	–	9	6
Total	**9**	**6**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9**	**6**
Grand total	**19**	**14**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**19**	**14**

Office of the Under-Secretary-General

9.43 The Under-Secretary-General is responsible for the overall direction, supervision and management of the Department in the implementation of its mandates and approved programme of work. The Under-Secretary-General also serves as the convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs. The Under-Secretary-General is assisted by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women. The staffing requirements of the Office of the Special Adviser are reflected under subprogramme 2, Gender issues and the advancement of women. The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs assists the Under-Secretary-General by providing senior substantive support to the Economic and Social Council and overseeing the overall coordination

of technical cooperation activities. He also serves as Secretary of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and Chairman of the Organizational Committee and, in that capacity, reports to the Secretary-General. A main focus of the Assistant Secretary-General's function is on strengthening interaction between the Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The senior management of the Department will ensure effective integration of capacities for normative, analytical and technical cooperation work to maximize complementarity and synergy within the organizational units of the Department.

9.44 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General will provide support and advice to the Under-Secretary-General and, as appropriate, the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on the planning, coordination, management and assessment of the work programme of the Department.

Inter-agency affairs

9.45 As part of his reform programme, the Secretary-General decided that support to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and exchange of information and consultation throughout the United Nations system should be strengthened through the establishment of an Office for Inter-Agency Affairs. The Office is overseen by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, reporting, in his capacity as Secretary of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and Chairman of the Organization Committee, to the Secretary-General. The Office is essentially staffed through secondments from member organizations. Requirements for non-post resources (consultants and travel) are, however, proposed for the activities explained in paragraphs 9.53 and 9.54 below.

9.46 In providing enhanced and dedicated support to the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Office has consolidated a number of the Committee's support functions previously carried out in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and in the former Division for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, now renamed the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. In addition to consolidating responsibilities related to the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Office has been assigned new and expanded functions in support of the Committee and its subsidiary machinery. (There are five committees that report directly to the Administrative Committee on Coordination: the Organizational Committee, the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions, the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.)

9.47 The main goal of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs is thus to contribute to the overall strengthening of inter-agency cooperation and coordination. In order to achieve this goal, the Office will provide the substantive support capacity required by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to pursue a policy-oriented, forward-looking and topical agenda, responsive to the requirements of intergovernmental bodies. In doing so, it will draw more systematically on the work of all organizations of the system and the Administrative Committee on Coordination subsidiary machinery so as to ensure that its decisions are relevant to and have an impact on their programmes and operational concerns and that the total capacity of the system is effectively mobilized in support of intergovernmental decision-making and in promoting comprehensive follow-up to central intergovernmental policy.

9.48 The Office will also support the strengthening of the consultative process between the Secretary-General and members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and help to enhance information flows and promote a continuous dialogue among executive heads. Timely consultations among executive heads when new policy initiatives are being contemplated or in devising comprehensive and complementary responses to different aspects of major international developments will be effectively facilitated. The availability and exchange of programmatic and strategic planning information on the activities of Committee members will be enhanced through the establishment and updating of a series of databases and Web sites. A clearing-house function for ideas and information on developments of interest to the system will be developed with a view to avoiding duplication and ensuring synergy.

Outputs

9.49 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Substantive and technical services to meetings. (The Administrative Committee on Coordination holds two annual sessions of two days' duration, one early in the year at the headquarters of one of the organizations and the other at United Nations Headquarters in the autumn. It may also convene special sessions, if required, or convene inter-sessional meetings through tele/videoconferencing to address specific issues requiring priority attention. The Organizational Committee meets prior to and after the meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.)

a. Administrative Committee on Coordination (2 sessions per year, 3 meetings per session);

b. Organizational Committee (4 sessions per year, 8 meetings per session);

c. Inter-Agency Committee for Sustainable Development (2 sessions per year, 4 meetings per session);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Economic and Social Council: Administrative Committee on Coordination annual overview report (2); report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on programmes and resources for the biennium; inter-agency aspects on the follow-up to the year 2000 issue; follow-up to system-wide issues on reform;

(b) *Other substantive outputs*

(i) Technical material. Facilitating the Executive Information Network; maintaining the United Nations Web site on business; and updating and maintaining the Executive Information Network and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Web site;

(ii) Recurrent publications. Senior Officials Directory.

Resource requirements

Posts

9.50 The estimated requirements of $2,869,800, reflecting a decrease of $821,500, would provide for the posts shown in table 9.7. The negative resource growth reflects redeployment to substantive divisions within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of one P-5, one P-4 and three General Service posts. The central capacity for the coordination of technical cooperation to which the posts proposed for redeployment were initially assigned during the biennium 1998–1999 was a transitional arrangement required in the period immediately following the merger of the three economic and social departments to oversee the establishment of a more decentralized system of managing technical cooperation projects with individual divisions directly responsible for their implementation. Now that the decentralization process has been completed, that arrangement has been replaced by an interdepartmental task force arrangement at the divisional director level, supported by the administrative unit dealing with technical cooperation, with the Assistant Secretary-General for Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs providing central oversight and policy guidance.

9.51 As indicated above, the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs, shown under this subsection for presentation purposes, is comprised of staff on non-reimbursable loan from member organizations of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, either on an ongoing basis or for specific tasks. Within the Secretariat, arrangements currently in force assign, during the biennium, a Director-level post to the Office from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, and one P-5 and one General Service (Principal level) posts from the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination.

Other staff costs

9.52 An estimated provision of $193,400 would cover 24 work-months of general temporary assistance requirements for the coordination of the Department's technical cooperation activities.

Consultants and experts

9.53 A new provision of $151,200 would be required for consultancy services with specialized expertise not available within the Secretariat on selected cross-cutting emerging issues that are within the responsibility of the Department, and to assist in the preparation of specialized documentation for the Administrative Committee on Coordination as well as information system requirements related to the work of the Committee.

Travel

9.54 Estimated requirements of $636,200, reflecting an increase of $364,400, would provide for the following: (a) travel to be undertaken by the Under-Secretary-General, the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and the Under-Secretary-General's immediate staff to meetings of United Nations bodies; consultations with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions and the specialized agencies; and for representational missions on behalf of the Secretary-General ($219,700); (b) first-time travel provision related to the organization of panels of eminent personalities and experts to be held in conjunction with the sessions of the Second and the Third Committees of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies on issues of concern to them, including the high-level meeting on the renewal of dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership. It is estimated that eight such panels would be required, two each year of the biennium for the General Assembly and two each year for the Council and its subsidiary bodies ($248,000); and (c) travel of the staff to service and participate in the meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary bodies in Geneva and for liaison and coordination missions with the specialized agencies ($168,500).

Grants and contributions

9.55 Estimated requirements of $399,000, at the maintenance level, relate to the continuation of the United Nations contribution for funding the activities of the Non-Governmental Liaison Service.

C. Programme of work

Table 9.8 **Summary of requirements by subprogramme**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Subprogramme	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Economic and Social Council support and coordination	10 661.0	8 046.9	271.4	3.3	8 318.3	520.6	8 838.9
2. Gender issues and advancement of women	4 393.5	7 434.4	157.2	2.1	7 591.6	486.0	8 077.6
3. Social policy and development	13 405.9	12 391.7	128.0	1.0	12 519.7	775.7	13 295.4
4. Sustainable development	15 523.5	11 374.9	454.3	3.9	11 829.2	745.7	12 574.9
5. Statistics	23 341.3	22 977.1	(67.4)	(0.2)	22 909.7	1 400.0	24 309.7
6. Population	7 041.9	8 071.6	228.3	2.8	8 299.9	531.1	8 831.0
7. Global development trends, issues and policies	8 408.0	9 840.3	105.5	1.0	9 945.8	632.2	10 578.0
8. Public administration, finance and development	10 748.9	9 874.2	(480.3)	(4.8)	9 393.9	574.4	9 968.3
9. Combating desertification, particularly in Africa	3 557.4	1 561.6	(1 561.6)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Total	**97 081.4**	**91 572.7**	**(764.6)**	**(0.8)**	**90 808.1**	**5 665.7**	**96 473.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
6 305.8	3 578.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	3 907.2
6 305.8	**3 578.1**	**Subtotal (a)**	**3 907.2**
		(b) Substantive activities	
117.6	629.4	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	477.7
2 683.8	4 317.8	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	2 289.2
198.5	294.9	United Nations Trust Fund for Case Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations system	–
163.6	521.1	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	–
107.2	162.2	United Nations Youth Fund	–
54.1	–	Trust Fund for Ageing	–
780.9	3 057.5	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	2 566.3
5 957.8	4 613.8	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
572.7	494.5	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in Particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
718.4	1 715.8	Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	1 165.8
269.9	360.5	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	–
227.9	647.1	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	–
5.8	14.6	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	–
5 836.7	3 892.9	UNFPA	–
17 694.9	**20 722.1**	**Subtotal (b)**	**6 499.0**
		(c) Operational projects	
77 482.0	149 000.0	UNDP	165 000.0
8 555.0	8 000.0	UNFPA	4 000.0
49 263.0	47 000.0	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Fund	32 250.0
135 300.0	**204 000.0**	**Subtotal (c)**	**201 250.0**
159 300.7	**228 300.2**	**Total (a), (b) and (c)**	**211 656.2**
256 382.1	**319 872.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**308 130.0**

Table 9.9 **Post requirements**

Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
ASG	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-2	8	8	–	–	1	–	9	8
D-1	28	28	–	–	4	6	32	34
P-5	54	55	–	–	10	4	64	59
P-4/3	137	138	–	–	8	2	145	140
P-2/1	38	38	–	–	5	5	43	43
Total	**266**	**268**	**–**	**–**	**28**	**17**	**294**	**285**
General Service category								
Principal level	30	30	–	–	1	1	31	31
Other level	178	180	–	–	11	5	189	185
Total	**208**	**210**	**–**	**–**	**12**	**6**	**220**	**216**
Grand total	**474**	**478**	**–**	**–**	**40**	**23**	**514**	**501**

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

Table 9.10 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	10 170.6	7 702.3	221.8	2.8	7 924.1	505.3	8 429.4
Consultants and experts	52.7	116.8	19.8	16.9	136.6	6.6	143.2
Travel	271.5	125.9	29.8	23.6	155.7	7.6	163.3
Contractual services	85.3	21.0	–	–	21.0	1.1	22.1
Grants and contributions	80.9	80.9	–	–	80.9	–	80.9
Total	**10 661.0**	**8 046.9**	**271.4**	**3.3**	**8 318.3**	**520.6**	**8 838.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000-2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
		United Nations Trust Fund for Case Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations system	
198.5	294.9		–
Total (2)	**198.5**	**294.9**	–
Total (1) and (2)	**10 859.5**	**8 341.8**	**8 838.9**

Table 9.11 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Economic and Social Council support and coordination

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
P-5	6	6	–	–	–	–	6	6
P-4/3	12	12	–	–	–	–	12	12
P-2/1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
Total	**25**	**25**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**25**	**25**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other level	16	18	–	–	–	–	16	18
Total	**17**	**19**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**17**	**19**
Grand total	**42**	**44**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**42**	**44**

9.56 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination. During the biennium, the main goal of the Division will be to provide effective substantive support to the Economic and Social Council, in particular in relation to the Council's high-level, coordination and operational activities and general segments; to the General Assembly, especially the Second Committee; to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council in the economic and social fields; and to the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs. Towards these ends, the subprogramme will focus on the following:

(a) With regard to the Economic and Social Council, the focus will continue to be the provision of assistance to the Council in carrying out more effectively its responsibilities for (i) system-wide guidance, including through the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits as well as special meetings in close cooperation with

organizations of the system, including the Bretton Woods institutions; and (ii) oversight over and coordination of its subsidiary bodies, including by means of consolidated reporting on the outcomes of the work of the Council's functional commissions with a view to achieving improved harmonization of their agendas and work programmes. With regard to the General Assembly, the objective will be to focus on the follow-up to the Agenda for Development, in particular through the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership, and on the coordination of the implementation of declarations, strategies and programmes of action in the economic and social fields adopted by major United Nations conferences and summits. Furthermore, substantive support will continue to be provided to the intergovernmental process on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

(b) In the area of development cooperation, the focus will be on global assessment of the performance of the United Nations system's operational activities to both the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in accordance with the mandates established in the triennial comprehensive policy reviews of 1995 and 1998, and other relevant resolutions on the reform of United Nations development cooperation. The Division will be engaged in formulating guidelines and common understandings within the United Nations system to provide guidance as to the implementation of relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council, and will conduct system-wide impact evaluations that will focus on both the analytic/normative and evolving operational dimensions of United Nations system activities in the economic and social fields. The lessons learned will be used to strengthen the oversight and guidance roles of the Assembly and the Council. They will also be widely distributed to development practitioners to feed the lessons into new policies and programmes and to contribute to the ongoing dialogue on development cooperation;

(c) In the area of development cooperation, the main focus will be on the provision of substantive links between the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the United Nations system through the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions and the United Nations Development Group. Also to be undertaken is an in-depth assessment and evaluations of operational activities in selected thematic areas and in terms of overall achievement of the changes sought by the intergovernmental process and the Secretary-General. The performance of the system will be monitored through a management process established in accordance with General Assembly directives. Recommendations will be submitted to the appropriate bodies for further improvements in the funding of operational activities;

(d) In order to strengthen the Council's capacity for system-wide coordination, assistance will also be rendered in promoting interaction between the Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination, as well as the governing bodies of other organizations of the system. In this regard, support will be provided for more theme-oriented general segments of the Council involving the participation of executive heads of member organizations of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the preparation of relevant policy reports for these sessions, in close cooperation with the relevant specialized agencies and organizations;

(e) The Division will work with the Office of Inter-Agency Affairs and with the organizations of the system in the exercise of the latter's functions for the substantive and technical servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to promote effective inter-agency policy and programme collaboration and coordination around specific issues and themes in response to recommendations and guidelines of the central intergovernmental bodies. To this end, it will serve as the substantive focal point within the United Nations on a wide range of system-wide coordination issues and represent the United Nations in the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. In the same context, the Division will provide support for the Department's cooperative links with intergovernmental and regional organizations on issues of economic and social development;

(f) Another main area of work includes the provision of substantive and technical support to the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs for the purpose of identifying and analysing policy issues of a strategic cross-organizational character and managing and administering the Development Account, including through identifying, evaluating, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of specific project proposals by entities of the Committee.

9.57 The subprogramme will aim to strengthen substantive support to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, including in its function of recommending consultative status in response to greatly increased requests from non-governmental organizations. This objective will be pursued through coordination and outreach programmes for encouraging networking and coalition-building among non-governmental organizations, ensuring their substantive contribution to the Council and its subsidiary bodies and in the follow-up to global conferences to secure expert information and advice from non-governmental organizations and to provide training and capacity-building as required. The innovative involvement of members of civil society in the intergovernmental processes, such as through panels, round tables and in high-level dialogues, will be promoted.

Expected accomplishments

9.58 The expected achievements of the subprogramme would be: (a) a strengthened role of the Economic and Social Council in providing overall guidance to and coordination of the United Nations system in the economic and social areas as well as the marked improvement in the methods of work of the General Assembly, in particular its Second Committee, and, as appropriate, its Third Committee; (b) enhanced coordination of the United Nations system operational activities for development and their increased impact at the country level; (c) expanded interaction between the Economic and Social Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination, as well as the governing bodies of other organizations of the system; (d) effective inter-agency policy and programme collaboration and coordination within the United Nations system of organizations and enhancement of system-wide coordination around specific issues and themes in response to recommendations and guidelines of the central intergovernmental bodies; (e) facilitation of progress in the achievement of coherence and complementarity between the normative and policy-oriented work in the area of development; and (f) strengthened substantive support to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

Outputs

9.59 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) General Assembly

a. Substantive servicing. Approximately 40 plenary meetings of the General Assembly; 50 meetings of the Second Committee; 10 meetings of the General Assembly on matters pertaining to the Pledging Conference; 70 informal consultation meetings of the Second Committee; 30 meetings and informal consultations of the General Assembly ad hoc working groups and resumed sessions; and 60 panel discussions, informal briefings and other special events involving relevant departments of the United Nations, the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and civil society organizations in support of deliberations on system-wide issues in the Assembly, in particular its Second and Third Committees;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership; follow-up to an Agenda for Development; progress in the implementation of the Declaration on International Cooperation and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations

Development Decade (2); restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (2); report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development containing policy recommendations;

(ii) Economic and Social Council

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of organizational sessions (24); meetings and informal consultations of substantive sessions (190); meetings of resumed sessions (20); meetings and informal consultations of special sessions (24); organization and support of informal briefings, panel discussions and other special events in support of deliberations within the Council involving departments of the United Nations, organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and civil society organizations;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on specific themes of system-wide concern for submission to the high-level segment (2) and the coordination segment (2); follow-up to the outcomes of the 1999 and 2000 coordination segments for submission to the general segment (2); report of the Secretary-General on operational activities, including progress on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions emerging from the triennial policy review of operational activities for development by the fifty-third session of the Assembly;

(iii) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Committee (60) and its resumed sessions (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on new applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council received from non-governmental organizations (2); implementation of Council decision 1996/302 regarding new applications from organizations on the roster of the Commission on Sustainable Development (2); the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (2); and the activities of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (2); requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations in consultative status through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31 (2); and notes by the Secretary-General listing non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Special events

a. General Assembly. Organization of panel discussions with delegations of the Second and Third Committees and interactive debates, as well as keynote addresses, with the active participation of Secretariat and agency representatives as well as outside experts (annually);

b. Economic and Social Council. Organization of panel discussions and interactive debates with the participation of outside experts, non-governmental organizations and the business and academic communities, where appropriate, and in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council and in parallel to the formal meetings of the Council;

(ii) Recurrent publications. Consolidated list of products banned; the impact of operational activities;

(iii) Technical material for outside users. Update and maintain the Internet home page of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*. The main objective of the activities is to promote inter-agency and intergovernmental interaction on activities in the economic

and social fields with a view to bringing about greater synergy of effort at the system-wide level on joint and collaborative actions, as follows:

(i) Representation of the United Nations and contribution to the provision of substantive support for meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, its Organizational Committee and the Consultative Committee on Operational and Programme Questions, its working group on the resident coordinator system and other task forces on evaluations and follow-up to intergovernmental directives; coordination of inter-agency inputs to reports on system-wide activities in the implementation of charter provisions related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and organization of and support to executive briefings and panel discussions involving organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations;

(ii) Participation on behalf of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the United Nations Development Group and related subcommittees; United Nations Development Group Support Group meetings and related activities, plus a variety of other meetings, including its subgroups on programming policies and programming, programme operations, common premises and services, personnel and training, resident coordinator issues, gender, right to development and information;

(iii) Focal point responsibilities for the World Decade for Cultural Development; years and anniversaries; eradication of hunger, food security and nutrition; HIV/AIDS; malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera; tobacco and health; and drug abuse control;

(iv) Cooperation and liaison, as required, with OAU, OAS, the League of Arab States, CARICOM, the Economic Cooperation Organization, IOM, the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation and OECD on issues of economic and social development; contribution to activities related to the eradication of hunger, food and nutrition and liaison with WFP on food issues; and cooperation with intergovernmental, non-governmental and regional organizations on issues in the economic and social fields;

(v) Cooperation between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations with a view to forging links between the NGO community and the United Nations through the strengthening of reciprocal exchange of information and supportive activities and by means of the electronic network and a comprehensive database in order to facilitate the use of information and advice from non-governmental organizations wherever feasible in the work of the United Nations Secretariat.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.60 The estimated requirements of $7,924,100, reflecting an increase of $221,800, would provide for the posts shown in table 9.11. The increase is due to the inward redeployment of two General Service (Other level) posts from resources provided for coordination of technical cooperation, which were previously shown under executive direction and management.

Consultants and experts

9.61 An estimated provision of $136,600, reflecting an increase of $19,800, would cover the following consultancy requirements: provision of specialized expertise not available in the Department on development of policy issues under consideration by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in particular with respect to the various high-level policy dialogues ($19,800); specialized consultancy services for data collection for the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale Have Been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments ($20,000); and specialized expertise to assist the Division in performing several tasks related to its operational activities emanating

from Assembly and Council resolutions, including the development of operational guidelines for their implementation ($96,800). The increase of $19,800 is due to additional requirements in connection with tasks related to the policy review of operational activities by the Assembly and the Council.

Travel

9.62 An estimated provision of $155,700, reflecting an increase of $29,800, would provide for travel of staff for the substantive servicing of the meetings of the Economic and Social Council in Geneva ($58,000); for representational purposes and contribution to the provision of substantive support to the subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, including the Organizational Committee, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions and its Working Group on the Resident Coordinator System and to other inter-agency meetings for consultations with United Nations organs and institutions as required on issues related to the programme of work and the substantive and technical servicing of relevant United Nations and United Nations system meetings ($30,000); field assessment missions on implementations of policy directives and evaluation of technical cooperation activities ($57,000); and consultations with non-governmental organization liaison offices to strengthen cooperation with partners concerned by non-governmental organization matters and to participate in a training workshop in support of work of the Division ($10,700). The increase of $29,800 is due to additional requirements for travel related to the work on the triennial review of technical cooperation activities.

Contractual services

9.63 A provision of $21,000, at the maintenance level, would cover the production costs of publications related to the programme of work of the Division.

Grants and contributions

9.64 The estimated requirements of $80,900, at the maintenance level, represent the contribution of the United Nations to the Subcommittee on Nutrition of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 2107 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977.

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Gender issues and advancement of women

Table 9.12 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 017.9	6 976.0	153.1	2.1	7 129.1	463.5	7 592.6
Consultants and experts	234.5	253.7	–	–	253.7	12.4	266.1
Travel	127.6	161.7	5.8	3.5	167.5	8.1	175.6
Contractual services	13.5	39.8	(1.7)	(4.2)	38.1	1.8	39.9
Hospitality	–	3.2	–	–	3.2	0.2	3.4
Total	**4 393.5**	**7 434.4**	**157.2**	**2.1**	**7 591.6**	**486.0**	**8 077.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000–2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	1 165.8
718.4	1 715.8		
		(c) Operational projects	
–	–	UNDP	3 000.0
		Technical Cooperation Project Trust Fund	750.0
–	–		
718.4	**1 715.8**	**Total**	**4 915.8**
5 111.9	**9 150.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**12 993.4**

Table 9.13 **Post requirements**

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	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001
Professional category and above								
ASG	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	2	2	–	–	1	1	3	3
P-5	5	5	–	–	–	–	5	5
P-4/3	10	10	–	–	1	–	11	10
P-2/1	4	5	–	–	–	–	4	5
Total	**23**	**24**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**1**	**25**	**25**
General Service category								
Principal level	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1
Other level	15	15	–	–	1	1	16	16
Total	**15**	**15**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**17**	**17**
Grand total	**38**	**39**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**3**	**42**	**42**

9.65 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and by the Division for the Advancement of Women, which the Special Adviser heads.

9.66 The Special Adviser reports directly to the Secretary-General on gender issues, including progress made by departments and offices in the United Nations Secretariat and the secretariats of the United Nations system in mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes; on the status of women in the Secretariat; on progress made to achieve the goal of having 50 per cent of Professional posts filled by women and related policies, strategies and activities; and on actions aimed at creating a more gender-

sensitive working environment. The Special Adviser, assisted by the Focal Point for Women in the Secretariat, also facilitates, monitors and oversees the implementation of special measures for the achievement of gender equality. Together they support and advise programme managers in their efforts to meet mandated General Assembly targets on gender balance and participate in the development of a gender-sensitive and equitable working environment, as described in the strategic plan of action on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat, 1995–2000. The Special Adviser provides leadership in the area of gender mainstreaming in both the substantive and operational areas to the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality, which she chairs.

9.67 The outcome of the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 (entitled "Women 2000. gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") is expected to provide important programme guidance in the implementation of the subprogramme.

9.68 During the biennium, a major new shift anticipated under the subprogramme will be to integrate more fully gender policy advisory services into its overall work programme. This will be a main source for strengthening the analytical and normative efforts of the subprogramme in areas such as governance and greater implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. In addition to continuing collaboration with United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including INSTRAW, UNIFEM, UNFPA and WHO, increased collaboration is expected with other subprogrammes within the Department in order to reflect more comprehensively programmatic gender dimensions. Joint activities may be developed in the areas of poverty and its relevance for women, the continuing impact of globalization on women, the increasing number of elderly women and its social and economic implications and women's empowerment, including in Africa.

9.69 Another focus of the work to be carried out under the subprogramme will be to stimulate and monitor the extent to which gender dimensions are mainstreamed into the work of intergovernmental bodies, departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat and system-wide, as well as at the national and regional levels. This will be achieved through an increased reflection of a gender perspective in intergovernmental policy decisions. Departmental and system-wide work programmes and reports will show a greater application of a gender perspective. The cohesive system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women will result in increased activities and accountability for gender mainstreaming. An effective Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality will lead to better tools and methodologies and good practices with respect to system-wide gender mainstreaming, implementation of the Platform for Action and gender balance.

9.70 The subprogramme will continue to provide effective support, through policy analysis, monitoring of progress, trends and emerging issues and identification of further actions and initiatives, for the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and relevant recommendations of other global conferences and decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women. Successful policies, good practices and lessons learned in the implementation process at the national, regional and international levels and obstacles encountered and strategies for overcoming them will be identified. Current concerns that have been inadequately addressed as well as new and emerging issues will be examined.

9.71 It is anticipated that improved functioning of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women would be met by monitoring women's enjoyment of human rights and through the technical and substantive support rendered to it.

9.72 At their request, gender policy advisory services and technical cooperation will be provided to developing countries in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and in complying with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The capacity to channel field-based experience back into analytical and normative work will be increased as well as collaboration with United Nations funds and programmes in providing requested services. The capacity to support Governments in reporting to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the

Commission on the Status of Women will be strengthened, and the understanding of the Convention and policy documents will be improved.

9.73 The subprogramme will also facilitate, monitor and evaluate progress in achieving the goals of gender equality and gender balance within the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the Office of Human Resources Management. This will result in attaining gender balance in a greater number of departments and offices and improved women's representation at all levels and in all occupations of the Professional and higher categories. It will create greater awareness of gender issues and how these affect the workplace and improve working conditions for women and men.

9.74 The subprogramme will ensure the maintenance and updating of a system of information exchange, including through electronic networking and the World Wide Web, with Governments, national machineries, the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and other actors of civil society with regard to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and relevant recommendations of other United Nations global conferences.

Expected accomplishments

9.75 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme would include: (a) additional progress towards gender mainstreaming into the work of intergovernmental forums, policies and the departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, the organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and Member States; (b) provision of effective support to intergovernmental bodies through increased policy analysis and monitoring activities related to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; (c) increased compliance by States parties with reporting obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and improved coordination between the Division and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in contributing to the development and strengthening of human rights mechanisms to ensure the enjoyment by women of their human rights; (d) enhanced capacity in gender policy advisory services, including through the development of training modules concerning the Convention, the Platform for Action and gender mainstreaming and the evaluation of projects for incorporation of a gender perspective; (e) improving the status of women in the United Nations Secretariat through greater awareness of the positive effects of gender equality through non-discrimination against women on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization and progress towards achieving the goal of gender balance; and (f) additional outreach activities and increased information exchange, including good practices for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, greater dissemination and access to information on women's issues and effective interaction with non-governmental organizations.

Outputs

9.76 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (5–9 June 2000)

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary meetings (10); Main Committee and working group meetings (20); informal consultations on draft resolutions as requested and briefing for delegates and non-governmental organizations;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; results of regional preparatory activities for the special session; future actions, initiatives and emerging issues; outlook beyond 2000; and categories of projects and programmes of United

Nations organizations that include women's interests and gender-mainstreaming issues and the resources allocated to each;

(ii) General Assembly

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary meetings (12); informal consultations on draft resolutions, as required; and briefings for delegates and non-governmental organizations;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on/of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and follow-up to the special session (annual); Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (annual); status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (annual); effective mobilization and integration of women in development; improvement of the situation of women in rural areas; traffic in women and girls; violence against migrant women workers; traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (annual); and improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (annual);

(iii) Economic and Social Council

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary meetings (12); informal consultations on draft resolutions/agreed conclusions, as required;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and follow-up to the special session; draft system-wide medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 for the advancement of women; effective mobilization and integration of women in development; improvement of the situation of women in rural areas; input to the operational activity segment on the triennial policy review; and inputs to high-level and other segments of the Economic and Social Council (annual);

(iv) Commission on the Status of Women

a. Substantive servicing. Required meetings (70): informal consultations on draft resolutions/agreed conclusions, as required; open-ended consultations by the Bureau of the Commission; conference room and background papers; briefings for delegates and non-governmental organizations (annual); and three expert group meetings;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on list of confidential communications related to the status of women (annual); list of non-confidential communications related to the status of women (annual); implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on the basis of national reports, taking into account the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women; implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and follow-up to the special session; categories of projects and programmes of United Nations organizations that include women's interests and gender mainstreaming issues and the resources allocated to them; information on progress made in gender mainstreaming in operational activities; emerging trends, including additional material on further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond 2000; report on proposed themes for the Commission's work programme (2000–2005); draft system-wide medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 for the advancement of women; thematic reports on issues to be decided by the Commission on the Status of Women; inputs and joint reports with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to support the mainstreaming of the human rights of women in general human rights activities (annual); improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (annual); conference room papers on results of the sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (annual); conference room papers and background material for informal consultations of the Chairperson of the Commission with member States and with the

bureaux of functional commissions and the Economic and Social Council; background papers on expert group meetings organized by the Division in preparation for the review and appraisal and on future actions and new initiatives; background papers on expert group meetings organized by the Division on topics to be decided; and background materials and papers to monitor progress made in implementing the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995–2000);

(v) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

a. Substantive and technical servicing. Pre-session working group meetings (40); Committee plenary and working group meetings (70); briefing for new members;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports of the Committee on its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions and on its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions; analysis of initial and periodic reports by States parties to the Convention; reports of States parties to the Convention; responses of States parties to questions on periodic reports; identification of trends in implementing specific articles of the Convention to be decided on or specific recommendations made by the Committee to assist it in its consideration of reports of States parties; reports from specialized agencies and entities; ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee; conference room paper on the report of the pre-session working group;

(vi) Meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

a. Substantive and technical servicing of the meetings of the States parties;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Report on declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal of reservations related to the Convention; list of candidates for the election of 11 members to the Committee; and report of the meeting;

(vii) Other services. Expert group meetings (3), the subjects of which will be decided in the course of the biennium by the Commission;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications

a. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women: *Network* (8 issues);

b. Division for the Advancement of Women: *Women 2000* (4 issues); *The Work of CEDAW* volumes 9 and 10; CEDAW newsletter (4 issues); Division for the Advancement of Women Web page on the WomenWatch Web site;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications

a. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women: handbook for staff members on gender equality;

b. Division for the Advancement of Women: studies and compilation of materials on review and appraisal for the special session of the General Assembly (in cooperation with the Department of Public Information); monitoring kit for follow-up to the Platform for Action and the special session and reports of expert group meetings;

(iii) Briefings for delegates and representatives of non-governmental organizations on relevant issues under consideration by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women before and during the special session; and briefings on gender mainstreaming: progress and strategies, gender policy advisory services, policies and strategies to meet the target of 50 per cent women in posts in the Professional category and

above and at the policy-making and decision-making levels and to improve the situation of women in the Secretariat;

(iv) Technical material. Directory of national machinery for the advancement of women (2 issues annually); update of the database on women in decision-making positions in Governments and in international intergovernmental organizations, bodies and negotiating entities and on women in electoral processes worldwide; directory of focal points within the United Nations system on questions related to women; further development, design, maintenance and management of the WomenWatch Web site; training modules on understanding how to benefit from the Optional Protocol to the Convention; updating and upgrading of training modules on the preparation of reports pursuant to the Convention; and guidelines and checklists on gender mainstreaming and on a gender-sensitive workplace, including monitoring and networking;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison.* Substantive servicing of the annual sessions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality and servicing of informal inter-sessional meetings, including preparation of conference room and background papers and reports on the annual sessions; report to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on gender issues: development of procedures and guidelines for mainstreaming and coordination, in cooperation with relevant departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system; substantive support to the Office of Human Resources Management on the development of guidelines on gender training and on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the policies and programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system and to other departments on mainstreaming the gender perspective in their work; development of training modules and participation in training related to the implementation of the Convention; input to the special session and the Millennium Assembly; follow-up to recent United Nations conferences, including the World Summit for Social Development and thematic years and decades (background papers and participation in special events); outreach to non-governmental organizations, research institutions and academia and external relations with a network of non-governmental organizations and organizations of civil society; substantive support to non-governmental organization networking (background papers, participation in special events and continuous updating and maintenance of the departmental database on non-governmental organizations); and cooperation with and participation in meetings of other Administrative Committee on Coordination subsidiary bodies, in the Secretary-General's executive committees and in the United Nations Development Group and sub-groups, including in relation to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services. In collaboration with United Nations funds and programmes, as appropriate, gender policy advisory services will be provided, including needs assessment, diagnostic studies and evaluations on gender issues to developing countries, upon their request, in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and in the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(ii) Group training, seminars and workshops. Subregional training workshops for States parties to the Convention with respect to reporting obligations; and one seminar to follow up on recommendations of the special session of the General Assembly;

(iii) Evaluation. Review of the extent to which gender issues are mainstreamed in the policies and frameworks of the United Nations system-wide operational activities; review and appraisal of the implementation of the Convention process; review and appraisal of whether the gender perspective is appropriately incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation process of operational activities; and, upon request by Governments and in cooperation with United Nations funds and programmes, review of projects and programmes executed by national Governments, non-governmental

organizations and United Nations operational agencies at the field level to ensure the mainstreaming of gender and the implementation of the Platform for Action.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.77 The estimated requirements of $7,129,100, reflecting an increase of $153,100, would provide for the posts shown in table 19.13. The increase of $153,100 is due to the proposed inward redeployment of one P-2 post from subprogramme 8, Public economics and public administration, to strengthen the Division, including undertaking the function of design and maintenance of the WomenWatch and other Web sites.

Consultants and experts

9.78 The estimated requirements of $253,700, at the maintenance level, would cover the costs of: (a) consultancy ($107,500) for specialized expertise not available within the Department on topics such as: (i) overall analysis of existing gender action plans, data collection and development of a standard departmental and overall reporting and monitoring model for the follow-up to the plans ($19,900); (ii) the implications of Article 8 of the Charter of the United Nations for the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* ($19,900); (iii) the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action (2000) ($29,900); (iv) emerging issues to be presented to the Commission on the Status of Women ($9,900); (v) analysis of an article or theme arising out of the Convention ($9,900); and (vi) other substantive issues as requested ($18,000); and (b) the estimated costs of convening three ad hoc expert group meetings to prepare recommendations and proposals on emerging issues for presentation to the Commission in line with its multi-year programme of work ($146,200).

Travel

9.79 The estimated requirements of $167,500, reflecting an increase of $5,800, would cover the costs of travel undertaken by the Office of the Special Adviser on missions to United Nations offices away from Headquarters, in particular to the regional commissions and meetings of organizations involved in women's rights, as well as travel for consultations with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on related matters on behalf of the Secretary-General ($53,500) and travel for activities related to the programme of work of the Division, including attendance at meetings of intergovernmental bodies, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, regional and international meetings and the joint meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality ($114,000). The increase of $5,800 is due to additional requirements foreseen for travel of the Special Adviser.

Contractual services

9.80 The estimated provision of $38,100, reflecting a decrease of $1,700, relates to the cost of external production of publications related to gender issues, publications highlighting the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the quarterly newsletter and brochures outlining the goals and objectives of the United Nations for gender equality.

Hospitality

9.81 The provision of $3,200, at the maintenance level, would cover the costs of official functions to be hosted by the Special Adviser on the occasion of special events such as the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

Table 9.14 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	12 747.2	11 505.5	231.0	2.0	11 736.5	740.4	12 476.9
Other staff costs	111.1	117.1	(117.1)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Consultants and experts	311.3	464.7	14.1	3.0	478.8	23.2	502.0
Travel	190.9	190.3	–	–	190.3	9.3	199.6
Contractual services	0.1	58.7	–	–	58.7	2.8	61.5
Grants and contributions	45.3	55.4	–	–	55.4	–	55.4
Total	**13 405.9**	**12 391.7**	**128.0**	**1.0**	**12 519.7**	**775.7**	**13 295.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
1 168.2	672.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 106.4
		(b) Substantive activities	
780.9	3 057.4	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	2 566.3
163.6	521.1	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	–
107.2	162.2	United Nations Youth Fund	–
117.6	629.4	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	477.7
		(c) Operational projects	
21 475.0	25 000.0	UNDP	20 000.0
13 564.0	14 000.0	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Funds	10 000.0
37 376.5	**44 042.3**	**Total**	**34 150.4**
50 782.4	**56 434.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**47 445.8**

Table 9.15 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Social policy and development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	4	4	–	–	–	–	4	4
P-5	6	6	–	–	–	–	6	6
P-4/3	19	20	–	–	–	–	19	20
P-2/1	6	6	–	–	–	–	6	6
Total	**36**	**37**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**36**	**37**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Other level	28	28	–	–	–	–	28	28
Total	**30**	**30**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**30**	**30**
Grand total	**66**	**67**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**66**	**67**

9.82 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Social Policy and Development.

9.83 It will be guided by the comprehensive and detailed framework of commitments and policies provided by the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Summit for Social Development in March 1995, and will draw upon the decisions taken by the Commission for Social Development and the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and further initiatives.

9.84 During the first six months of the biennium, the key focus will be on final preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives, to be held from 26 to 30 June 2000 in Geneva. The subprogramme will monitor national and global socio-economic trends, including the identification of emerging issues, and assess their implications for social policy at the national and international levels. It will promote common norms and develop policies, programmes and cooperative actions aimed at facilitating the implementation in a holistic manner of the Summit's goals of eradicating poverty, achieving full employment and strengthening social integration. The subprogramme will also identify and propose additional concrete initiatives and means for consideration by the special session to further implement these goals. Enhanced substantive support will be provided to the annual sessions of the revitalized Commission for Social Development, which has been entrusted with the primary responsibility for implementing the outcome of the Social Summit in accordance with its multi-year programme of work, and to the Preparatory Committee for the special session, which will hold its second substantive session in April 2000. The subprogramme will facilitate the negotiation of agreed strategies, resolutions, international standards and norms through the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly or other intergovernmental forums, notably the special session of the Assembly.

9.85 Since the 10 commitments adopted by the Social Summit will serve as the framework for review and appraisal and for identification of additional initiatives by the special session, it is anticipated that the scope of activities on the follow-up to the special session will be expanded beyond the three core issues originally addressed by the Summit. To advance these commitments, proposed activities will aim at the promotion of cooperative action, exchange of information and ideas by facilitating decision-making and dialogue on

goals, strategies, policies and programmes, in particular through strengthening cooperation among all actors concerned with social development, including non-governmental organizations, business groups, unions, academics and civil society. The subprogramme will also continue to support and facilitate United Nations system-wide cooperation and programme coordination on social issues, as well as evaluate the effectiveness of public policy interventions aimed at social goals.

9.86 *Substantive support for the elaboration of a perspective strategy on ageing in the twenty-first century* as a follow-up to the 1999 observance of the International Year of Older Persons will be enhanced. Support will also be provided for monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and preparation of the report on the second mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development. Global comparative studies on cooperatives, on selected issues in family-sensitive policy design and in selected innovations in design, implementation and evaluation of disability-sensitive policies and programmes, within a broad human rights framework, will be conducted. Assistance will be provided, upon request, to the follow-up to the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in August 1998, by enhancing international cooperation among Governments. Special efforts will be accorded to the promotion of the social perspective on development in relevant intergovernmental forums and through dialogue and cooperation with relevant programmes of the United Nations system and civil society. To that end, support will be provided on request for the organization of technical exchanges and provision of advice and assistance on policy, evaluation, institutional development and leadership training concerning specific development constituencies, such as persons with disabilities, older persons and youth, so that they may participate on an equal basis in the development of a society for all.

9.87 *Another important area of work under the subprogramme concerns the need to promote poverty eradication* as a major and prominent national and international goal under the rubric of development, and the promotion of awareness of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006). In this context, recognizing that employment growth is the primary means of eradicating poverty and strengthening social integration, emphasis will be given to the promotion of full, productive, appropriately and adequately remunerated and freely chosen employment as a central objective of economic and social policies.

9.88 Assistance will be rendered to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, to strengthen their capacity for planning and managing their socio-economic development through technical advisory services, training activities (including international workshops and seminars) and field projects. Activities will comprise the formulation, execution, monitoring and evaluation of technical projects. Assistance will also be provided to Governments at their request in devising multidisciplinary operational strategies that promote equitable social and economic development. Particular attention will be paid to key areas of socio-economic development and management, including integrated development strategies and management, socio-economic policy formulation and implementation, employment creation and poverty eradication and structural adjustment policies. Particular emphasis will be placed on social development, social integration, reconciliation, the social dimensions of adjustment and the participation of civil society.

Expected accomplishments

9.89 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) strengthened international cooperation for social development, with particular attention to poverty eradication, increasing equity, employment generation, fostering social integration and solidarity and reducing marginalization; (b) overall satisfaction with the promotion of and enhanced support for the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action; (c) enhanced support for the implementation of the outcome of the special session through strengthened system-wide cooperation and programme coordination on social issues; (d) better opportunities, more equitable access for specific groups in society and improved accessibility of global information on the implementation of United Nations declarations and instruments relevant to social development, including the Standard Rules on the

Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, the International Year of Older Persons (1999) and the International Year of the Family (1994); (e) increased number of Governments adopting poverty eradication targets resulting from advocating recognition of special needs, such as those of the unemployed, and of institutions or groups requiring specific support, such as the family, the disabled, older persons, youth, indigenous people and ethnic minorities; and (f) strengthened national capacities for planning and managing socio-economic development and increased technical advisory services, training activities (including international workshops and seminars) and field projects.

Outputs

9.90 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies*

(i) General Assembly

a. Substantive servicing, including meetings of the Third Committee (32);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (2); the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2); follow-up to the guidelines on cooperatives; perspective strategy on ageing for the twenty-first century; implementation of the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities; implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; follow-up to the International Year of the Family; and implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

(ii) Preparatory Committee of the special session of the General Assembly in 2000

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Preparatory Committee (20) and inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the world social situation; assessment of overall level of implementation of the outcome of the Summit; and further initiatives to be considered by the special session;

(iii) Special session of the General Assembly in 2000. Substantive servicing (20 meetings);

(iv) Economic and Social Council. Substantive servicing (8 meetings);

(v) Commission for Social Development

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Commission (40) and inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on contribution of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit; priority themes of the Commission (2); fifth review and appraisal of implementation of the international plan of action on ageing; follow-up to the International Year of the Family; survey of national family policies; follow-up to implementation of the United Nations Standard Rules and the work of the Special Rapporteur on Disability; progress and obstacles in implementing the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; and implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

c. Ad hoc expert groups on follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly; priority theme topics of Commission (2); economic development and social policy; poverty eradication; employment issues; perspective strategy on ageing for the twenty-first

century; priority issues in the field of cooperatives; framework on family-related policy development; selected innovations in policy design, planning and evaluation from the disability perspective; expert meeting on youth; joint meetings with regional commissions on follow-up to the special session of the Assembly; and regional meeting on countries with economies in transition;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. *United Nations Youth Information Bulletin* (6); *Disabled Persons Bulletin* (6); *Bulletin on Ageing* (6); *Bulletin on Eradication of Poverty* (2); Poverty Series (4); and *World Social Situation*;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Training manual on national youth policies; training manual on youth leadership and participation; new roles and functions for the United Nations and international institutions; priority issue related to cooperatives; best practices related to policy design, planning and evaluation from the disability perspective; framework on family-related development; and perspective strategy on ageing for the twenty-first century;

(iii) Technical material. Periodic updates of relevant home pages on the departmental Internet site; and periodic updates of databases on specialized constituencies concerned with social policies and development programmes;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Ongoing consultations with Governments, United Nations system agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on follow-up related to social objectives of recent United Nations conferences and thematic years;

(ii) Consultations regarding the elaboration of a perspective strategy on ageing for the twenty-first century in connection with the observance of the International Year of Older Persons;

(iii) Substantive participation at the annual meetings of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives;

(iv) Substantive support for annual observances of international days for families (15 May), cooperatives (first Saturday of July), youth (12 August), older persons (1 October), eradication of poverty (17 October) and persons with disabilities (3 December);

(v) Support and promotion of networks among non-governmental organization committees and caucuses related to follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the special session of the General Assembly, the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, older persons, youth, family and disabled persons;

(vi) Substantive and technical servicing of ad hoc inter-agency meetings on poverty, youth, ageing and disabled persons (annual);

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services

a. Substantive support, on request, to initiatives of Governments to further implement international instruments related to socio-economic policies, planning and management; socio-economic institutions and participation; and development and social integration, including substantive support for activities financed by general trust funds in the social development field, activities of the Special Rapporteur on Disability and those related to the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes as adopted by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;

b. Assisting Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, in analytical assessment, diagnostic studies and evaluations of their socio-economic situations, policies and development and the institutional arrangements for planning and managing such development, as well as follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and to the special session of the General Assembly in 2000;

(ii) Group training, including seminars and workshops on integrating disability concerns in policy design, planning and evaluation as well as in the drafting and implementation of norms, standards and legislative instruments; technical assistance projects; socio-economic analysis, including assessment of the impact of policies on national development, specific population groups and socio-economic sectors; and social integration;

(iii) Field projects in the area of socio-economic development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.91 The resources requested of $11,736,500, reflecting an increase of $231,000, would cover the costs of the posts shown in table 9.15. The increase of $231,000 is due to the proposed inward redeployment of one P-4 post from the central capacity for the coordination of technical cooperation in line with the decentralization of technical cooperation activities to divisions.

Other staff costs

9.92 The provision of $117,100 approved previously on a non-recurrent basis for general temporary assistance would not be required in the biennium 2000–2001.

Consultants and experts

9.93 The proposed requirements of $478,800, reflecting an increase of $14,100, relate to: (a) specialized consultancy services for the preparation of six studies related to priority issues as may be decided by the General Assembly at its special session and studies on priority themes for the Commission for Social Development and the special session of the Assembly on various social issues, such as participatory governance, encouragement of the adoption of a national poverty reduction strategy in countries that do not have one, refocusing macroeconomic policies, social integration and review of tax competition between countries and use of social impact assessments ($94,100); and (b) the convening of expert group meetings on the following topics: follow-up to the special session of the Assembly; priority theme topics of Commission (2); economic development and social policy; poverty eradication; employment issues; perspective strategy on ageing for the twenty-first century; priority issue in the field of cooperatives; framework on family-related policy development; selected innovations in policy design, planning and evaluation from the disability perspective; expert meeting on youth; joint meetings with regional commissions on follow-up to the special session of the Assembly; and regional meeting on countries with economies in transition ($384,700).

Travel

9.94 A provision of $190,300, at the maintenance level, would be required to cover the costs of travel of staff in the implementation of the programme of work, including data collection, research, liaison and coordination with the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, attendance at meetings and consultations with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations involved in social issues.

Contractual services

9.95 The estimated requirements of $58,700, at the maintenance level, would cover the costs of external production of bulletins and other publications related to the programme of work.

Grants and contributions

9.96 The estimated requirements of $55,400, at the maintenance level, relate to the United Nations share of the costs of the Committee on the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1688 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 39/236 of 18 December 1984.

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Table 9.16 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	14 276.2	10 677.5	454.3	4.2	11 131.8	711.8	11 843.6
Consultants and experts	728.4	465.4	–	–	465.4	22.6	488.0
Travel	380.4	190.3	–	–	190.3	9.3	199.6
Contractual services	0.1	41.7	–	–	41.7	2.0	43.7
General operating expenses	83.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	3.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	51.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**15 523.5**	**11 374.9**	**454.3**	**3.9**	**11 829.2**	**745.7**	**12 574.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
2 656.1	1 817.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 634.8
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable	
2 683.8	4 317.8	Development	2 289.2
		(c) Operational projects	
36 396.0	108 000.0	UNDP	128 000.0
		Technical Cooperation Project Trust	
6 488.0	2 000.0	Funds	1 500.0
Total	**48 223.9**	**116 134.8**	**133 424.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**63 747.4**	**127 509.7**	**145 998.9**

Table 9.17 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Sustainable development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	1	–	1	1
D-1	5	5	–	–	1	1	6	6
P-5	10	11	–	–	3	3	13	14
P-4/3	14	14	–	–	3	2	17	16
P-2/1	3	3	–	–	5	5	8	8
Total	**33**	**34**	**–**	**–**	**13**	**11**	**46**	**45**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Other level	23	24	–	–	4	3	27	27
Total	**25**	**26**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**3**	**29**	**29**
Grand total	**58**	**60**	**–**	**–**	**17**	**14**	**75**	**74**

9.97 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Sustainable Development.

9.98 During the biennium the main goal of the subprogramme will be to provide coordinated support for the implementation of Agenda 21 and other outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the Rio Declaration, the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the work programmes and decisions adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session (resolution S-19/2), the outcome of the 1999 special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the outcome of the Commission on Sustainable Development's Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The subprogramme will give the necessary attention to the economic and social dimensions of sustainability, including the provision of adequate and predictable new and additional resources to developing countries, changing production and consumption patterns and mechanisms for technology transfer as mutually agreed to address poverty as an overriding issue.

9.99 An objective under the subprogramme will be the provision of enhanced substantive support to and servicing of such intergovernmental bodies as the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development, as well as related work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, through preparation of high-quality documentation, analytical work and facilitation of consensus-building and policy development.

9.100 Also undertaken under the subprogramme will be promotion of effective inter-agency collaboration and coordination in the area of sustainable development. Joint actions in the United Nations system for the implementation of Agenda 21 and other intergovernmental mandates in the field of sustainable development through the work of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its system of task managers will be strengthened. Interaction and cooperation between the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations active in the field of sustainable development will be enhanced.

9.101 The subprogramme will strengthen the dialogue and partnerships with the non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other major groups, and will seek to enhance their contribution to the implementation of Agenda 21 at the international, national and local levels and their effective involvement in the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and related intergovernmental processes.

9.102 The subprogramme will enhance the monitoring of implementation through the assessment of data collected at the national, regional and international levels in order to complete work on indicators of sustainable development. The subprogramme will be the custodian of data submitted by Member States through national reports. The effectiveness of arrangements for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on good practices and lessons learned in implementing sustainable development policies and strategies will be enhanced.

9.103 The subprogramme will also facilitate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and other intergovernmental decisions related to sustainable development at the national level by providing, upon the request of Governments, policy advisory services and technical cooperation activities, in particular for the incorporation of sustainable development concerns into national sectoral plans and strategies and in the field of energy, freshwater and mineral resources management.

Expected accomplishments

9.104 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) the development of an enhanced comprehensive framework to better integrate the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development and to assess progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 at the international and national levels, including at the level of major groups; (b) increased collaborative arrangements and consultative processes in the United Nations system aimed at achieving synergies, filling gaps and avoiding duplication; (c) increased level of interest, involvement and contributions of non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other major groups in the implementation of Agenda 21; (d) enhancement of national, local and sectoral sustainable development plans and strategies, and of arrangements for the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on good practices and lessons learned in implementing sustainable development policies and strategies.

Outputs

9.105 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) General Assembly

a. Substantive servicing. Second Committee, including informal consultations (16 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Up to six reports under the agenda item entitled "Environment and sustainable development" on themes to be determined by the Assembly;

(ii) Economic and Social Council

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Council (8) and informal consultations (24);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the sessions of the Committee on Energy and on Natural Resources (2); and on consumer protection (2);

(iii) Commission on Sustainable Development and its Bureau and subsidiary bodies

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Commission (40) and in-session drafting group meetings (32); meetings of the inter-sessional subsidiary bodies (40); meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (including related follow-up meetings subject to a decision of the Commission and of the Economic and Social Council) (80); meetings of the Commission's Bureau and related informal consultations (20); and meetings of the

open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development, to be held in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the Commission (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on/for issues to be included in the Commission's work programme for 2000–2001 (6); the Commission's Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (12); sustainable development of small island developing States (2); assessment of national implementation of Agenda 21 (2); and implementation of the Rio Declaration (1). In addition, up to 50 background papers will be submitted to the Commission and 10 background papers to the Bureau;

(iv) Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary and working group meetings on water (20) and working group meetings on energy (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Up to 6 reports of the Secretary-General on energy-related issues and up to 4 reports on water-related issues on themes to be determined by the Committee;

(v) Ad hoc expert groups. Financial issues related to Agenda 21; indicators and trends in sustainable production and consumption; technology transfer and national environmentally sound technology strategies (for 2 regions); eco-efficiency in developing countries; global modelling forum (2); sustainable development indicators (2); regional consultations in connection with the preparations for the 10-year review of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (3); institutional arrangements in the area of sustainable development; inputs from major groups in sustainable development (2); modalities of national reporting; voluntary initiatives in sustainable development; sustainable development and production, distribution and use of energy; energy and sustainable development issues and problems in the transport sector; factors bearing on further development and application of renewable energy technologies; modernizing rural energy services, including access to financing; the status of integrated water resource management on the basis of comparative analysis of country experience; and approaches to water resource risk management for extreme events (drought and floods) and pollution;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Analysis of national information and preparation of country profiles. Two sets of guidelines for Governments for submission of voluntary national information on their activities to implement Agenda 21; and two sets of country profiles based on national reports;

(ii) Recurrent publications. *CSD Update*; critical trends in sustainable development; indicators of sustainable development; sustainable development series: thematic papers on sustainable development issues (4); financial issues related to Agenda 21; Natural Resources Forum (8); *International Rivers and Lakes Newsletter* (4); newsletter on technical cooperation activities in planning and management of natural resources (4); and *Energy Newsletter* (2);

(iii) Non-recurrent publications. Regional implementation of Agenda 21; United Nations approaches to sustainable development of freshwater resources; integrated water resource management in practice; strategic approaches for the joint management of international waters: principles and practice; analysis of investment agreements from natural resources and sustainable development perspectives; integrated resource planning and demand-side management; energy efficiency: standards, labels and energy services companies; role of the mining sector in poverty alleviation and social aspects of sustainable development; international forest policy; and two reports of expert group meetings on energy and sustainable development;

(iv) Technical material. Development, maintenance and updating of the databases on the sustainable development Website (virtual country profiles); the sustainable development section of the

departmental Website; the directory of national sustainable development focal points; the network of focal points for indicators of sustainable development; updating the groundwater for Windows software to 32-bit code under NT5.0; and case studies of sustainable energy services;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its task manager system

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Committee and of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests and eight meetings of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Working Group on Energy;

b. Documentation. Background papers for the Committee (16); reports submitted to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on meetings of the Committee (4); reports on meetings of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests (2); reports of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Working Group on Energy (2), and report on the world energy assessment (1);

(ii) Administrative Consultative Committee Subcommittee on Water Resources. Substantive servicing of the Subcommittee, up to four reports and background papers for the Subcommittee and two reports of the Subcommittee;

(iii) Substantive and technical servicing of the Management Board of the United Nations Technical Cooperation Programme in Natural Resources and Energy; and joint programming activities with other United Nations entities, including regional commissions;

(iv) External relations and outreach, including with non-governmental organizations. Participation in and substantive support to various intergovernmental, inter-agency, expert and major group meetings that are directly related to or organized in support of the Commission on Sustainable Development work programme; liaison with financial institutions, including the Global Environment Facility; and special events, including those held during the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Policy advisory services. Missions to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at the request of their Governments and in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, related to formulating strategies, strengthening institutions and supporting multi-stakeholder consultative processes that promote sustainable development and to the sustainable management of fresh water and energy for sustainable development, as well as in the areas of infrastructure and minerals;

(ii) Training. Organizing national, subregional and interregional training seminars and workshops for and with national policy makers;

(iii) Field projects (country, regional and interregional). Provision of technical services to a number of technical cooperation projects in the areas of fresh water, energy, infrastructure and minerals in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.106 The estimated resources of $11,131,800, reflecting an increase of $454,300, relate to the posts shown in table 9.17. The increase of $454,300 is attributable to: (a) the redeployment of one P-5 and one General Service (Other level) posts from the resources for central capacity on coordination of technical cooperation previously included under executive direction and management in accordance with the proposal to decentralize technical cooperation activities to the divisions; and (b) the reclassification of two P-3 posts to the P-4 level to reflect additional duties and responsibilities that are now being carried out and that have been reflected in the job descriptions, which are classifiable at the P-4 level.

Consultants and experts

9.107 An estimated provision of $465,400, at the maintenance level, would be required for: (a) specialized expertise to assist in the preparation of analytical overview reports and sectoral studies in connection with the preparations for the 10-year review of progress since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, updating the database on indicators for sustainable development, including the results of national testing, substantive reports on the indicators of sustainable development and studies on United Nations approaches to sustainable development of freshwater resources ($193,600); and (b) the convening of ad hoc expert group meetings on matters such as financial issues related to Agenda 21, indicators and trends in sustainable development, environmentally sound technology strategies, sustainable development in the production, distribution and use of energy and integrated water resources management ($271,800).

Travel

9.108 The estimated requirements of $190,300, at the maintenance level, relate to the costs of travel of staff for consultations on the preparation of reports and publications and for participation, including provision of substantive secretariat support, in intergovernmental, inter-agency and expert meetings related to the work programme of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the implementation of Agenda 21.

Contractual services

9.109 The provision of $41,700, at the maintenance level, relates to the external production of a number of publications under the subprogramme.

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

Table 9.18 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	21 838.7	21 164.1	(102.1)	(0.4)	21 062.0	1 310.2	22 372.2
Other staff costs	3.7	281.7	–	–	281.7	13.7	295.4
Consultants and experts	400.9	382.6	34.7	9.0	417.3	20.3	437.6
Travel	133.7	152.0	–	–	152.0	7.4	159.4
Contractual services	320.8	381.9	–	–	381.9	18.5	400.4
General operating expenses	194.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	19.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	429.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions	–	614.8	–	–	614.8	29.9	644.7
Total	**23 341.3**	**22 977.1**	**(67.4)**	**(0.2)**	**22 909.7**	**1 400.0**	**24 309.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000–2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	249.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	135.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for International Economic	
269.9	360.5	Research	–
–	2 565.8	UNFPA	–
		Trust Fund for the International	
5.8	14.6	Comparison Project	–
		(c) Operational projects	
6 509.0	7 000.0	UNFPA	4 000.0
2 564.0	2 000.0	UNDP	–
		Technical Cooperation Project Trust	
95.0	–	Funds	–
Total	**9 443.7**	**12 190.0**	**4 135.2**
Total (1) and (2)	**32 785.0**	**35 167.1**	**28 444.9**

Table 9.19 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Statistics

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001	1998–1999	2000–2001
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	6	6	–	–	–	2	6	8
P-5	9	9	–	–	4	1	13	10
P-4/3	38	38	–	–	4	–	42	38
P-2/1	12	12	–	–	–	–	12	12
Total	**66**	**66**	**–**	**–**	**8**	**3**	**74**	**69**
General Service category								
Principal level	12	12	–	–	–	–	12	12
Other level	46	46	–	–	4	1	50	47
Total	**58**	**58**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**1**	**62**	**59**
Grand total	**124**	**124**	**–**	**–**	**12**	**4**	**136**	**128**

9.110 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Statistics Division.

9.111 During the biennium, the subprogramme will continue to focus on: (a) the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information; (b) the standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions; (c) the technical cooperation programme; and (d) the coordination of international statistical programmes and activities.

9.112 One of the subprogramme's objectives will be to promote sustainability of the function of the United Nations as a global centre for statistical data on international trade, national accounts, energy, industry, environment, transport and demographic and social statistics through the collection, processing, evaluation and dissemination of international statistics.

9.113 Another objective of the subprogramme would be the promotion of international comparability of statistics through the standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions used by national statistical agencies.

9.114 A third objective of the subprogramme would be assistance to Member States, at their request, to improve the capacity of their national statistical services through advisory services and training of statistical personnel.

9.115 Yet another objective would be the promotion of a coordinated system of international statistical programmes and activities entrusted to the Division by the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities.

9.116 Substantive inputs and secretarial support for the activities of the United Nations Statistical Commission and its Working Group will continue to be provided under the subprogramme.

9.117 The implementation of the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS), in cooperation with the regional commissions, is expected to be enhanced. UNESIS encompasses the collection, processing, storage, exchange and dissemination of economic and social statistics and statistical information to users for policy-making purposes. Through UNESIS, special efforts will be made to improve the usefulness and accessibility of international economic and social data to international and national policy makers. The quality of international statistics and metadata and their use for policy monitoring and analysis will be enhanced through the development and application of new data-processing, network and quality-control technologies to improve coverage, reliability and timeliness in collection, processing and dissemination.

9.118 The subprogramme will continue to play an important part in the implementation of Agenda 21, particularly with regard to the development and dissemination of integrated environmental and economic accounting, environmental statistics and indicators of sustainable development.

9.119 To monitor progress in the human dimensions of development, the activities of the subprogramme will extend the scope and dissemination of consistent and integrated sets of social statistics (including demographic, housing, gender and disability statistics and social indicators and analysis).

9.120 In addition, the subprogramme will endeavour to promote the use of modern surveying and mapping techniques as a tool for growth and development, including in the context of regional cartographic conferences.

Expected accomplishments

9.121 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) improvement in the availability, usefulness and accessibility of international economic and social data to policy makers, both international and national, and rationalization and harmonization of development indicators; (b) enhancement of the ability to conduct international comparisons as measures of economic and social progress, and further improvement in the development of methods and procedures for the measurement of economic and social phenomena; (c) improved capacity of national statistical offices to perform more effectively their functions of describing the economic and social conditions of their countries; (d) enhancement of countries' participation in the global statistical system; (e) improvement of the quantity and quality of statistical data submitted to international organizations and agencies; (f) effective response to new and critical issues in the field of statistics; and (g) reduction of duplication and overlapping of activities among international organizations and agencies in the field of statistics and increased cooperation among international

organizations on the questions of standards, classifications, definitions, concrete national data sets, data collection and data-processing.

Outputs

9.122 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/experts bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Statistical Commission (10); Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination (4); Committee on Contributions (70); Fifth Committee (20); twenty-first session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names; Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific; and Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas;

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the Statistical Commission at its thirty-first session on environmental statistics, demographic and social statistics, national accounts, critical issues in economic statistics, international economic and social classifications, and international trade statistics; proposed programme budget and the medium-term plan; report of the Working Group on Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its twentieth session; reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions; reports to the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination; agenda and outlines of documents for the thirty-second session of the Statistical Commission; other reports that may be requested by the Statistical Commission or its Working Group; and reports/background papers to the Committee on Contributions;

(iii) Other services provided. Ad hoc expert group meetings on the review of a handbook on the system of environmental and economic accounting, improving concepts and methods on the statistics and indicators of the elderly population, review of a handbook on non-profit institutions, setting priorities for the updating/revision of the international standard industrial classification, revision 3, and related standard classifications, review of a handbook on production accounts for the financial sector and draft compilers' manual for international merchandise trade statistics;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publications. *Environment Statistics Newsletter* (print and Internet, 4 issues); *Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook* (print and Internet, 2 issues); *Energy Statistics Yearbook* (print and Internet, 2 issues); *Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles* (print and Internet, 1 issue); *Demographic Yearbook* (print and CD-ROM, 2 issues); *Population and Vital Statistics Report* (print and Internet, 8 issues); *Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics 1999* (print and Internet, 1 issue); *SNA Newsletter: SNA News and Notes* (print and Internet, 4 issues); *Classifications Hotline Newsletter* (print and Internet, 6 issues); *International Trade Statistics Yearbook* (vols. I and II) (2 issues); microfiches of commodity trade statistics; CD-ROM of commodity trade statistics (two issues); *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* (print and Internet, 24 issues); *Statistical Yearbook* (print and CD-ROM, 2 issues); *World Statistics Pocketbook* (print and Internet, 2 issues); and UNESIS Common Database on the Internet;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Revised handbook on the system of environmental and economic accounting; manual on tourism and environmental accounting; handbook for training on civil registration and vital statistics system; handbook on methods of collecting time-use statistics; proceedings of the international symposium/workshop on lessons learned from the implementation of the first half of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme; handbook on non-profit institutions; technical report on a practical introduction to the compilation of the 1993 System of National Accounts; revised introduction to the international

standard industrial classification revision 3, and the alphabetic and numerical index of the international standard industrial classification; compilers' manual for international merchandise trade statistics; definitions of statistical territory for countries and areas for the purpose of international merchandise trade; *World's Women 2000*; handbook on statistical organization; and manual on fishery accounting;

(iii) Technical material. Technical papers on environmental statistics and accounting; training material for the implementation of classifications: international standard industrial classification and central product classification; data assessment (milestones) of the implementation of the System of National Accounts by individual countries and regions; annotated inventory of conceptual amendments to the 1993 System of National Accounts (editorial, clarifications, interpretations and changes); technical papers on conceptual issues in national satellite accounting and analysis; technical papers on concepts and methods of classification; recurrent analytical tables based on the national accounts database; correspondence tables between classifications; revised version of user software "Comtrade for Windows" to function with the new format of the Year 2000 Comtrade database; data for the Committee on Contributions; and inventory of the international family of classifications;

(iv) Database maintenance and dissemination of statistical information.

a. Databases in UNESIS on: environmental statistics; energy statistics; general industry statistics on mining, electricity and water; commodity production statistics; index numbers of industrial production; construction statistics; national accounts; demographic statistics; and international trade statistics;

b. Database on inventory of indicators of international agencies;

c. Committee on Contributions database;

d. Indicators and statistics on disabled people database (DISTAT);

e. Indicators and statistics on women database (WISTAT);

f. International classifications database;

g. Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for information on internationally recommended concepts and methods, as well as national practices in the respective fields of statistics;

h. Provision of information on computer tapes, diskettes, printouts and customized formats in the respective fields of statistics;

i. Publications database in electronic formats for the Internet electronic commerce delivery system;

j. Update of statistical indicators on the world's women on the Internet;

k. Update of disability indicators on the Internet;

l. United Nations statistics Internet home page and monthly updates;

(v) Other technical development and support

a. Technical development and support for the UNESIS common database and dissemination outputs;

b. Technical development and support for UNESIS and databases and outputs on environment, energy and industrial commodity production/index numbers and for international trade statistics, demographic statistics and national accounts;

c. Technical support for the conversion of various print outputs to CD-ROM and Internet products and development of an Internet publications delivery service (electronic commerce system);

d. Technical support for the UNESIS country/area register;

(vi) Technical support for the Division's management applications (programme management information system, mailing list system, etc.);

(vii) Technical support and International Computing Centre liaison for mainframe services for COMTRADE and UNESIS printing programs and year 2000 conversion, testing and restore programs;

(viii) Provision of departmental/divisional LAN system administration services;

(xi) Provision of departmental/divisional Unix/Sybase server system administration services;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Substantive servicing and participation in: meetings of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics; the Group on Product Classifications; the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics; the London Group on Environmental Accounting; and the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization;

(ii) Participation in activities of non-governmental organizations: the session of the International Statistical Institute; the International Federation of Surveyors; the International Cartographic Association; and the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing;

(iii) Participation in activities of funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system and other international organizations: the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts; inter-agency task forces on environmental statistics; statistics of international trade-in-services; international trade and finance statistics; Steering Committee on the Coordination of Technical Assistance in Statistics to the Countries of the Former Soviet Union; Conference of European Statisticians; Conference of African Statisticians; ESCAP Committee of Statistics; ESCWA Committee of Statistics; ECLAC/OAS Committee of Statistics; Coordinating Committee for African Statistical Development; Joint Consultative Group on Policy/Gender and Development Subgroup; and Inter-Agency Census Coordination Committee for Sub-Saharan Africa;

(iv) Substantive servicing of the annual meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities;

(v) Participation in the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services at the request of Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition: (a) technical advisory services on demographic, social, industrial, energy, environmental, national accounts and trade statistics; (b) ad hoc provision of technical cooperation services on national accounts and on computers and informatics, in particular for the decennial censuses; (c) provision of advice on scale-of-assessment methodology to other organizations (African, Caribbean and Pacific group of States, OAU and World Tourism Organization);

(ii) Group training (seminars, workshops and symposia)

a. International symposium/workshop on lessons learned from the implementation of the first half of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme;

b. Seminars on environmental statistics, indicators and accounting; civil registration and vital statistics; classifications; national accounts; and introducing the 1997 concepts and definitions for international merchandise trade statistics;

(iii) Provision of short-term training, fellowships, study tours and on-the-job training;

(iv) Provision of technical services to Member States and regional and interregional projects and training to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition to strengthen national capabilities in the collection, processing and dissemination of statistics.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.123 The estimated provision of $21,062,000, reflecting a decrease of $102,100, relates to the posts shown in table 9.19. The decrease of $102,100 is due to the closure of the Geneva Unit and the redeployment of one P-3 and two General Service (Other level) posts from Geneva to New York. This amount represents the difference in the standard costs between the two duty stations.

Other staff costs

9.124 An estimated amount of $281,700, at the maintenance level, is proposed for short-term specialist staff to continue work related to the development of the UNESIS project, as well as the development of the required standards and programming work for UNESIS.

Consultants and experts

9.125 An estimated provision of $417,300, reflecting an increase of $34,700, would be required as follows: (a) $162,400 for specialized expertise not available in the Department for the preparation of handbooks and manuals, the conversion of energy and industry statistics databases into UNESIS standard format and inputs to six expert group meetings in the areas of environmental, demographic and social, international trade and economic statistics and indicators; and (b) $254,900, including the increase of $34,700 for the convening of six expert group meetings on review of a handbook on the system of environmental and economic accounting, improving concepts and methods on the statistics and indicators of the elderly population, review of a handbook on non-profit institutions, setting priorities for the updating/revision of the international standard industrial classification, revision 3, and related standard classifications, review of a handbook on production accounts for the financial sector and draft compilers' manual for international merchandise trade statistics.

Travel

9.126 An estimated amount of $152,000, at the maintenance level, would be required for official travel of the staff of the Division to participate in global, regional, subregional and national conferences, meetings, seminars and symposia that call for coordination and the Division's input for statistical development; to assist Member States in institutional development in statistics; and to ensure collaboration and liaison with the regional commissions on matters relating to statistical development.

Contractual services

9.127 An estimated provision of $381,900, at the maintenance level, would cover the production of microfiches for commodity trade statistics and the external printing of the publications, handbooks, manuals and reports.

Grants and contributions

9.128 The estimated amount of $614,800, at the maintenance level, would provide for the Division's share of the payment to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe.

Subprogramme 6
Population

Table 9.20 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 678.0	7 797.0	110.9	1.4	7 907.9	512.0	8 419.9
Other staff costs	4.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Consultants and experts	97.1	80.9	117.4	145.1	198.3	9.7	208.0
Travel	109.1	100.4	–	–	100.4	4.9	105.3
Contractual services	30.6	93.3	–	–	93.3	4.5	97.8
General operating expenses	45.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	6.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	70.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**7 041.9**	**8 071.6**	**228.3**	**2.8**	**8 299.9**	**531.1**	**8 831.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
–	1 327.1	UNFPA	–
		(c) Operational projects	
1 830.0	1 000.0	UNFPA	–
99.0	–	UNDP	–
9.0	–	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Funds	–
1 938.0	**2 327.1**		**–**
8 979.9	**10 398.7**		**8 831.0**

Table 9.21 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Population

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-5	6	6	–	–	3	–	9	6
P-4/3	15	15	–	–	–	–	15	15
P-2/1	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Total	**26**	**26**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**–**	**29**	**26**
General Service category								
Principal level	4	4	–	–	–	–	4	4
Other level	12	13	–	–	2	–	14	13
Total	**16**	**17**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**18**	**17**
Grand total	**42**	**43**	**–**	**–**	**5**	**–**	**47**	**43**

9.129 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Population Division, which the Commission on Population and Development reaffirmed at its twenty-eighth session as the organizational unit of the Secretariat with the competency to cover the monitoring and appraisal of the broad range of areas in the field of population.

9.130 A primary focus under the subprogramme will be enhancement of substantive support to and servicing of such intergovernmental bodies as the Commission on Population and Development, as well as related work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, through the preparation of high-quality documentation, analytical work and facilitation of consensus-building and policy development. Activities carried out under the subprogramme would be in support of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development and to be further highlighted at the special session of the Assembly to be held from 30 June to 2 July 1999, which will review progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action during the first five years. In particular, the activities will include monitoring progress towards the achievement of the goals set out in the Programme of Action, as well as analysing and investigating new policy issues and emerging global trends in the field of population and development.

9.131 The subprogramme will facilitate access by Governments to information on population trends and their interrelationships with social and economic development as an input to government policy and programme formulation. The official United Nations demographic estimates and projections will be prepared for all countries and areas of the world, as well as urban and rural areas and major cities, and will serve as the standard and consistent set of population figures for use throughout the United Nations system. International migration, infant, child and maternal mortality and increased adult mortality in some regions, as well as the demographic impact of AIDS, are critical emerging issues that will be addressed. These areas have been stressed in the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action and have been reiterated in the key future actions for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in June 1999. Other priority areas for analysis will be national population policies and the relationships among population dynamics and development issues.

9.132 The subprogramme will facilitate progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and other intergovernmental

decisions related to population. Through policy advisory services and technical cooperation activities, it will: (a) contribute to the capacity of Member States to formulate national population and related policies and programmes for the effective implementation of the recommendations of the Programme of Action; and (b) improve the institutional capabilities of Governments for the collection, analysis and distribution of national population information.

9.133 Coordination and cooperation among the organizations of the United Nations system (through the Administrative Consultative Committee Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections) and between the United Nations system and other international, regional and national organizations active in the field of population also will be enhanced under the subprogramme.

9.134 As part of the follow-up to the Conference on Population and Development, the subprogramme will strengthen and expand the distribution of electronic population information in order to respond effectively to requests and to support coordination among the United Nations entities in the field of population.

Expected accomplishments

9.135 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) adequate monitoring of progress towards the achievement of the goals and objectives set out in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development as well as effective analyses and investigation of new policy issues and global trends in the field of population and development; (b) increased access to and use of accurate and timely information and analyses of population trends and policies; and (c) increased and effective inter-agency collaboration and coordination in the area of population.

Outputs

9.136 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Second Committee of the General Assembly (4 meetings); Economic and Social Council (4 meetings); Commission on Population and Development (22 meetings); and inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau of the Commission (8 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the Commission on Population and Development on world population monitoring (2); progress reports on activities in the field of population (2); proposed medium-term plan and programme of work in the field of population for 2000–2005 and 2002–2003 respectively; and report on world demographic trends;

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meetings on emerging issues in population (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publications. *World Population Prospects* (3 volumes); *World Urbanization Prospects*; report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections at its twenty-first session; global population policy country tables; population policy diskette documentation; population and development database documentation; summary of *World Population Monitoring* (annual); *World Population Monitoring* (annual); *Population Bulletin of the United Nations* (semi-annual); and *Population Newsletter* (semi-annual);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications on mortality; international migration; contraceptive use; emerging issues in fertility levels and trends; emerging issues in population estimates; emerging issues in population policies (2); and emerging issues in population and development (2);

(iii) Technical material. Databases on contraceptive use, fertility levels and trends, mortality, international migration, world population trends and prospects, world urbanization trends and prospects, population and development and global population policy;

(iv) Information materials and services. Wall charts on world population, urban and rural areas, urban agglomerations, contraceptive use, population policies, and population and development; provision of ad hoc information services and data in the field of population; catalogue of Population Division publications; and population reference centre acquisition list (monthly);

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison. Contributions to interdepartmental and inter-agency activities in the field of population; contributions to and participation in activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (twenty-first session); collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of reports to the Commission on Population and Development and on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; activities in collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in the dissemination of population information; and liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of population in relation to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.137 The proposed requirements of $7,907,900, reflecting an increase of $110,900, relate to the posts shown in table 19.21. The increase of $110,900 is due to the inward redeployment of one General Service (Other level) post from subprogramme 8, Public economics and public administration, to strengthen the Population Division in the light of the increased responsibilities that are expected after the special session of the General Assembly.

Consultants and experts

9.138 The estimated requirements of $198,300, reflecting an increase of $117,400, relate to: (a) specialized services ($158,600) required to undertake a number of studies on specific themes on population and development that are expected to emanate from and as a follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly; to create a Web site and an interface for the population and development database; to advise on incorporating the demographic impact of AIDS into the United Nations demographic estimates and projections and on policy aspects of recent trends in living arrangements; and to prepare the CD-ROM version of the United Nations population estimates and projections; and (b) the convening of two expert group meetings, on population development in the twenty-first century and determinants and consequences of population changes ($39,700). The increase of $117,400 results from additional requirements for consultants ($77,700) and a first-time provision for the convening of the two ad hoc expert group meetings ($39,700).

Travel

9.139 The estimated requirements of $100,400, at the maintenance level, relate to the travel of staff for data collection, consultations, research, liaison and collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Contractual services

9.140 The estimated requirements of $93,300, at the maintenance level, would provide for the external printing of several recurrent and non-recurrent publications ($71,300) and the purchase of special tabulations of data sets from demographic and health surveys ($22,000).

Subprogramme 7
Global development trends, issues and policies

Table 9.22 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	8 060.9	9 401.3	110.9	1.1	9 512.2	611.1	10 123.3
Other staff costs	3.4	33.0	–	–	33.0	1.6	34.6
Consultants and experts	77.9	221.5	8.7	3.9	230.2	11.2	241.4
Travel	73.3	77.7	17.7	22.7	95.4	4.7	100.1
Contractual services	72.7	106.8	(31.8)	(29.7)	75.0	3.6	78.6
General operating expenses	34.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	8.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	76.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**8 408.0**	**9 840.3**	**105.5**	**1.0**	**9 945.8**	**632.2**	**10 578.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
227.9	647.1	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projection	–
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
227.9	**647.1**		–
8 635.9	**10 487.4**		**10 578.0**

Table 9.23 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Global development trends, issues and policies

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
P-5	7	7	–	–	–	–	7	7
P-4/3	16	16	–	–	–	–	16	16
P-2/1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
Total	**30**	**30**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**30**	**30**
General Service category								
Principal level	8	8	–	–	–	–	8	8
Other level	12	13	–	–	–	–	12	13
Total	**20**	**21**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**20**	**21**
Grand total	**50**	**51**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**50**	**51**

9.141 This subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Development Policy Analysis.

9.142 During the biennium, the main objectives of the subprogramme will be to assist the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in reaching agreement on actions to be taken at the national and international levels in response to globalization and to enhance common understanding of international development trends and issues. The outcome of the ad hoc open-ended working group on high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development is expected to have an important bearing on work carried out under the subprogramme.

9.143 The subprogramme will enhance understanding, particularly within the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, but also in national Governments and elsewhere, of recent trends and short-term prospects for the world economy.

9.144 Activities under the subprogramme will include identifying and analysing specific current global economic and social policy questions that are of immediate concern to the international community and to foster agreement on actions that should be taken to address them. One area of focus will be the consequences of globalization, particularly financial integration, for the economic growth and development of the developing countries and the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy. Attention will be given to the analysis of the causes and effects of and remedies for the global economic slowdown of 1997–1999. A second area of focus will be the integration of the activities in these areas with the outcome of the working group on financing for development.

9.145 The subprogramme will also contribute to national and international discussion and action on emerging and longer-term global development trends and questions, including such systemic issues as the functioning, sustainability, stability, transparency and equity of the global economic system. An important forum for undertaking activities in this area will be the Committee for Development Policy. The Executive Committee for Economic and Social Affairs will also provide a forum for discussing these issues, including collaboration with UNCTAD in the monitoring of changes in the external debt situation and in the identification of innovative approaches to resolve the difficulties of countries with debt-servicing problems.

Expected accomplishments

9.146 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) an increase in the quantity and quality of discussions with and among Governments, particularly in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, on international economic developments and issues; (b) an improved dialogue on global economic and social policy issues in the Assembly and the Council, the identification of policy measures that should be adopted at the national and international levels to address such challenges and enhanced cooperation with the Bretton Woods institutions and other financial institutions; and (c) identification of new international development goals.

Outputs

9.147 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Second Committee of the General Assembly (24 meetings); Economic and Social Council (16 meetings); and Committee for Development Policy (20 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly. Trends in international financial flows (2); integration of economies in transition into the world economy (1); in cooperation with UNCTAD, reports on global financial integration (2) and globalization and interdependence (2);

b. Economic and Social Council. *World Economic and Social Survey* (2); reports on the state of the world economy (2); and reports on the work of the Committee for Development Policy (2);

c. Committee for Development Policy. Background studies for the sessions of the Committee (10);

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meetings on issues to be considered in the *World Economic and Social Survey* (2); the Project Link outlook for the world economy (4); and issues to be considered by the Committee for Development Policy (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publications. *World Economic and Social Survey* (annual); *World Economy at the Beginning of the Year Review* (with UNCTAD) (annual); and report of the Committee for Development Policy (annual);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Six working papers on selected development issues;

(iii) Technical material. Preparatory papers for the Project Link World Outlook meeting (4); reports presented at the Project Link meetings on the world economic situation and emerging global macroeconomic issues (4); and report of the Project Link meeting (4);

(iv) Web site development. Publication on the Division's home page of executive summaries of the recurrent and non-recurrent publications and the full text of all parliamentary documentation; and two special Web site themes;

(v) Briefings for delegations on issues under consideration by the Second Committee of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Briefings and seminars organized in conjunction with the Bureau of the Second Committee or other intergovernmental bodies (10); and briefing after the Committee for Development Policy plenary to the Council (2);

(vi) Briefings and policy assessments for the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General on development policy matters: monthly briefing note to the Secretary-

General on the world economy (24); background briefings on individual countries and economic issues for high-level meetings of the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General with senior government officials (60); and executive summaries and assessments of pending proposals for improvements in the global financial environment (10);

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison.* Consultations and coordination with UNCTAD, the regional commissions, IMF and the World Bank; provision of improved global on-line access to the Project Link model for other bodies of the United Nations system and to Member States; and external relations with academic, governmental and non-governmental economic research institutes through the exchange of background papers and consultations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.148 The estimated requirements of $9,512,200, reflecting an increase of $110,900, would provide for the posts shown in table 9.23 above. The increase is attributable to the inward redeployment of one General Service (Other level) staff member from subprogramme 8, Public economics and public administration.

Other staff costs

9.149 A provision of $33,000, at the maintenance level, is proposed for general temporary assistance for data-processing and temporary research assistance for the preparation of the *World Economic and Social Survey* and the report on the state of the world economy.

Consultants and experts

9.150 An estimated provision of $230,200, reflecting an increase of $8,700, would be required for specialized expertise in the preparation of four studies on global economic performance in the 1990s and prospects for the new millennium, two studies on specialized topics selected by the Committee for Development Policy for its two annual sessions, four studies on specialized topics for inclusion in the *World Economic and Social Survey*, expertise to expand and update the Division's databases ($99,200) and the convening of eight ad hoc expert group meetings on issues under consideration by intergovernmental bodies, such as vulnerability as a component indicator for identifying the least developed countries; globalization and management of the global economy; implications of the enlargement of the European Union for non-member countries; the recovery in East Asia; implications of the global economic crisis for sub-Saharan Africa; and income growth in Latin America in the 1990s ($131,000). The increase of $8,700 is due to additional requirements of $5,700 for consultancy services and $3,000 for expert group meetings.

Travel

9.151 Estimated requirements of $95,400, which include an increase of $17,700, would be required for the travel of staff for servicing the Economic and Social Council when it meets in Geneva, for consultation, liaison and coordination with the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and for research and collection of data on issues related to the programme of work. The increase of $17,700 reflects additional requirements arising from the programme of work under the subprogramme.

Contractual services

9.152 An estimated provision of $75,000, reflecting a decrease of $31,800 due to greater use of internal reproduction services would be required for the external production and printing of the *World Economic and Social Survey*, the *Overall Socio-Economic Perspective of the World Economy* and a number of other publications related to the work programme of the Division.

Subprogramme 8
Public administration, finance and development

Table 9.24 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	10 275.0	9 297.0	(579.4)	(6.2)	8 717.6	541.7	9 259.3
Consultants and experts	309.6	333.2	69.4	20.8	402.6	19.5	422.1
Travel	164.3	199.1	–	–	199.1	9.6	208.7
Contractual services	–	44.9	29.7	66.1	74.6	3.6	78.2
Total	**10 748.9**	**9 874.2**	**(480.3)**	**(4.8)**	**9 393.9**	**574.4**	**9 968.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
2 141.9	574.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 030.8
		(b) Substantive activities	
		(c) Operational projects	
17 146.0	14 000.0	UNDP	14 000.0
29 125.0	31 000.0	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Funds	20 000.0
48 412.9	**45 574.2**	**Total**	**35 030.8**
59 161.8	**55 448.4**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**44 999.1**

Table 9.25 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Public administration, finance and development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	3	3	–	–	2	2	5	5
P-5	5	5	–	–	–	–	5	5
P-4/3	13	13	–	–	–	–	13	13
P-2/1	5	4	–	–	–	–	5	4
Total	**27**	**26**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**29**	**28**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other level	26	23	–	–	–	–	26	23
Total	**27**	**24**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**27**	**24**
Grand total	**54**	**50**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**56**	**52**

9.153 This subprogramme will be carried out by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration.

9.154 The subprogramme will assist in intergovernmental policy deliberations and in promoting global and collective approaches by providing information and policy-oriented analysis on the role of public administration, public finance and public economics in the development process. Policy options will be reviewed and analysed with respect to the new and evolving role of the State; the interface of States and markets; modalities and purposes of State intervention; and the role of the State in privatization, in securing the provision of vital social services and promoting human development, in the establishment and maintenance of safety nets, in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development, in the elaboration and implementation of monetary and fiscal policies and in income distribution, the raising of revenue and the management of financial resources in transparent and accountable ways.

9.155 Activities under the subprogramme will also contribute to the identification of options, mechanisms and practices instrumental in strengthening key State institutions, in promoting the rule of law, in increasing the participation of citizens in the running of the State and in creating an enabling environment for public-sector growth. In this context, the programme will deal with electoral mechanisms and processes, parliaments and other representative bodies, institutional machinery designed to facilitate participation in the elaboration, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, management of diversity and consensus-building, judicial systems, legal and regulatory framework and establishing conditions of predictability about where businesses can operate productively and experience innovative growth.

9.156 Also provided under the subprogramme will be policy-oriented analysis on administrative reform, de-bureaucratization and decentralization, leadership development, human resources development and training, civil service systems and codes, enhancement of professionalism and ethics in the civil service, management innovation, introduction of new technologies in the public sector and improvement and innovations of public-service delivery.

9.157 Policy analysis on public finance will cover policies and processes related to resource mobilization, tax administration, government budgeting and accounting and establishment of systems of control and accountability.

9.158 The subprogramme will respond to requests from Governments and intergovernmental bodies for information, methodologies, assessments and policy proposals regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies, such as the economic and social impact of United Nations-imposed sanctions, the effects of coercive economic measures, the implications of the peace-development link and selected aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction.

9.159 The subprogramme will assist Governments in improving public administration and finance systems by facilitating access to information, customizing and disseminating best practices and providing an international forum for the exchange of experiences. In this regard, the subprogramme will serve as a clearinghouse that would aim to serve Member States, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, by maintaining on-line information on public administration and finance for development. The exchange of experiences on a South-South direction will be particularly emphasized.

9.160 The subprogramme will strengthen the capacity of Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, for policy analysis and development, and socio-economic development management, including the infrastructure necessary for their institutional and human resources development, as well as for implementing relevant commitments agreed upon at major United Nations conferences. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/225 of 19 April 1996, particular attention will be given to strengthening governance systems and institutions, administrative restructuring, civil service reform, human resources development and public administration training, improving performance of the public sector, increasing public- and private-sector interaction, promoting management innovations, improving the management of development programmes, enhancing government legal capacity, and strengthening the regulatory framework, resource mobilization, revenue administration, financial management, and transparency and accountability through the provision of advisory services, technical assistance and human resources development.

9.161 The subprogramme will also promote the interface and coordination between the intergovernmental policy deliberations and the relevant operational work of the organizations of the United Nations system active in the field of public administration, public finance and development, as well as cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other United Nations entities, agencies and programmes.

Expected accomplishments

9.162 The expected accomplishments under the subprogramme will include: (a) improved intergovernmental dialogue through the adoption of common global approaches and qualitative and timely reports and documentation; (b) facilitation of consensus-building, decision-making and policy direction in the field of special public policies and development, at the national and international levels; (c) increased utilization and linkages of the specialized Web sites and databases of the Division; (d) effectiveness of advisory services, training and technical cooperation projects carried out by the subprogramme in the areas of public policy, public administration and public finance, which will be assessed in the light of improved government capacities; and (e) improved interface and coordination between the intergovernmental policy deliberations and operational activities of the United Nations system and increased cooperation with intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations active in the field of public administration, public finance and development so as to reduce duplication and overlap of activities.

Outputs

9.163 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. General Assembly (8 meetings); panels as required by the Assembly on emerging issues in the public sector; Economic and Social Council (6 meetings); panels as required by the Council on basic data and trends in the public sector; Meeting of

Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (also provision of technical servicing) (20 plenary and 12 working group meetings); and Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (also provision of technical servicing, including its Steering Committee) (20 plenary and 8 working group meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly. Reports on review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 of 19 April 1996 (1, through the Economic and Social Council); economic assistance to countries affected by the application of multilateral economic sanctions (2); economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (1); and business, development and entrepreneurship (1);

b. Economic and Social Council. Report on the fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance; and report on the tenth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on International Cooperation in Tax Matters;

c. Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance. Report on the review of work on the programme in public administration, finance and development; comprehensive report on basic data and trends in the public sector; and four analytical/working papers on selected issues;

d. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. Revised manual for the negotiation of bilateral tax treaties between developed and developing countries; revised United Nations model double taxation convention between developed and developing countries;

(iii) Ad Hoc Expert Group meetings. Measurement concepts and data for the public sector (in cooperation with the Statistics Division); innovations in the provision of public services (in cooperation with the Division for Social Policy and Development); strategies for improving resource mobilization in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; coercive economic measures against developing countries; key issues in strengthening of public institutions in developing countries and countries in transition; and financial management and accountability in the face of globalization;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Five regional ministerial meetings on emerging trends in the public sector (in cooperation with the regional commissions);

(ii) Recurrent publications. *Directory of Organizations and Institutions in the Public Sector* (2 issues); supplements to *International Tax Agreements* (2); *Basic Data and Trends in the Public Sector*; *United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention* (update); and *Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties*;

(iii) Non-recurrent publications on the following subjects: measurement concepts and data for the public sector; innovations in the provision of public services; strategies for improving resource mobilization in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; key issues in strengthening of public institutions in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; and financial management and accountability in the face of globalization;

(iv) Information services and technical materials. *Development Administration Newsletter* (4 issues); Internet clearing house on the public sector; working/discussion papers on specialized issues (10); database on public sector indicators and measurements; database on ethics and integrity systems; maintenance and improvement of the Web site on the administration and cost of elections; database on conflict management organizations, programmes and practitioners; and Web site on local governance for eco-partnership;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Participation in meetings of a number of global and regional intergovernmental organizations related to the five-year review on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225, in particular: Centro Latinoamericano de Administración para el Desarrollo, Commonwealth Secretariat, OECD, Arab Administrative Development Organization, Centre africain de formation et de recherche administratives pour le développement, Observatoire des fonctions publiques africanes, Caribbean Centre for Administrative Development and other relevant intergovernmental organizations;

(ii) Participation in activities and meetings of a number of non-governmental and professional and academic organizations related to the five-year review on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225, in particular: American Society of Public Administration, Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management, Communidade dos Paises de Lingua Portuguesa, European Centre for Development Policy Management, International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Foundation for Election Systems, International Institute of Administrative Sciences, International Union of Local Authorities, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Taxation, Commonwealth Association on Tax Administration, Council of Executive Secretaries of Tax Organizations and United Nations/International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions;

(iii) Interface and cooperation with United Nations agencies and programmes related to the five-year review on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225, in particular: World Bank, UNDP, ESCAP, ECA, ECLAC, ESCWA, ECE, ILO, UNESCO, the ILO Training Centre, UNCTAD, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Centre for Crime Prevention and UNIDO;

(iv) Substantive support to the standing consultative mechanism of agencies active in the area of public administration, finance and development;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Policy advisory services. Needs assessment and diagnostic missions related to the substantive expertise of the Division for developing countries and countries with economies in transition at their request;

(ii) Guidelines, manuals and training materials for application to the public sector;

(iii) Training. Seminars, workshops and policy dialogues in the area of public policy, public administration and finance, with particular emphasis on initiatives fostering South-South cooperation;

(iv) Field projects (in partnership with UNDP and other operational entities) aimed at strengthening the capacity of interested developing countries and countries with economies in transition within the substantive expertise of the Division.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.164 The estimated requirements of $8,717,600, reflecting a decrease of $579,400, relate to the posts shown in table 9.25. The decrease results from the outward redeployment of one P-2 post to subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women, one General Service (Other level) post to subprogramme 6, Population, one General Service (Other level) post to subprogramme 7, Global development trends, issues and policies,

and one General Service (Other level) post to programme support, all due to further rationalization of the programme of work under this subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

9.165 An estimated provision of $402,600, reflecting an increase of $69,400, would be required to cover the costs of specialized consultancy expertise to prepare studies as inputs to substantive reports to inter-governmental meetings ($256,000) and the convening of six expert group meetings on: measurement concepts and data for the public sector; innovations in the provision of public services; strategies for improving resource mobilization in developing countries and countries in transition; coercive economic measures against developing countries; key issues in strengthening of public institutions in developing countries and countries in transition; and financial management and accountability in the face of globalization ($146,600).

Travel

9.166 An estimated provision of $199,100, at the maintenance level, would be required to cover the costs of travel of staff to service and participate in the Steering Committee meetings and the meetings of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on International Cooperation in Tax Matters in Geneva, to attend meetings of or to liaise with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in public economics and public administration matters and for consultations, data collection, research and coordination.

Contractual services

9.167 The estimated requirements of $74,600, reflecting an increase of $29,700, would cover the costs of external printing of a number of publications ($44,900) and the editing and formatting of the Division's documents that cannot be done in the Organization ($29,700). The increase of $29,700 is due to the additional requirements for editing and formatting of documents.

Subprogramme 9
Combating desertification, particularly in Africa

Table 9.26 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 595.4	1 146.6	(1 146.6)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Other staff costs	0.4	4.7	(4.7)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Consultants and experts	528.3	219.2	(219.2)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Travel	284.5	122.3	(122.3)	(100.0)	–	–	–
General operating expenses	116.4	54.2	(54.2)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Hospitality	6.2	2.9	(2.9)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	15.2	7.5	(7.5)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	11.0	4.2	(4.2)	(100.0)	–	–	–
Total	**3 557.4**	**1 561.6**	**(1 561.6)**	**(100.0)**	**–**	**–**	**–**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000–2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
339.6	265.6	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
5 957.8	4 613.8	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
572.7	494.5	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	–
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
6 870.1	**5 373.9**	**Total**	–
10 427.5	**6 935.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	–

9.168 By its resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the decision taken by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, at its first session, to maintain the arrangements within the United Nations current regular budget for the interim secretariat to support the Convention until the permanent secretariat began operating. The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to maintain the arrangements related to extrabudgetary funds, namely, the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund listed in table 9.26 (2) above, established under the provisions of its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, and to close them on 31 December 1998 and transfer any remaining balances to a supplementary fund and a special fund, respectively, to be established. Pursuant to resolution 52/198, the regular budget of the United Nations ceased financing the activities of the interim secretariat on 31 December 1998. As from 1 January 1999, the activities of the permanent secretariat are funded exclusively through assessed contributions of the parties to the Convention and other extrabudgetary resources.

D. Programme support

Table 9.27 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000–2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Executive Office	10 005.7	5 868.0	635.7	10.8	6 503.7	341.4	6 845.1
2. Information Support Unit	897.8	1 858.4	–	–	1 858.4	112.6	1 971.0
Total	**10 903.5**	**7 726.4**	**635.7**	**8.2**	**8 362.1**	**454.0**	**8 816.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
9 034.6	5 625.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	5 366.2
–	–	(b) Substantive activities	–
		(c) Operational projects	
117.0	–	UNFPA	–
24.0	–	UNDP	–
1 848.0	–	Technical Cooperation Project Trust Funds	–
11 023.6	**5 625.5**	**Total**	**5 366.2**
21 927.1	**13 351.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**14 182.3**

Table 9.28 **Post requirements**

Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-5	3	3	–	–	1	1	4	4
P-4/3	5	5	–	–	5	5	10	10
P-2/1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Total	**11**	**11**	**–**	**–**	**6**	**6**	**17**	**17**
General Service category								
Principal level	3	3	–	–	4	4	7	7
Other level	10	11	–	–	5	5	15	16
Total	**13**	**14**	**–**	**–**	**9**	**9**	**22**	**23**
Grand total	**24**	**25**	**–**	**–**	**15**	**15**	**39**	**40**

9.169 Programme support includes the Executive Office of the Department and the Information Support Unit.

1. Executive Office

Table 9.29 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 922.4	2 426.3	113.1	4.6	2 539.4	148.6	2 688.0
Other staff costs	1 272.5	552.2	522.6	94.6	1 074.8	52.2	1 127.0
Travel	8.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Contractual services	17.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
General operating expenses	1 830.4	1 795.8	–	–	1 795.8	87.4	1 883.2
Hospitality	13.7	16.7	–	–	16.7	0.8	17.5
Supplies and materials	193.6	183.7	–	–	183.7	8.9	192.6
Furniture and equipment	747.2	893.3	–	–	893.3	43.5	936.8
Total	**10 005.7**	**5 868.0**	**635.7**	**10.8**	**6 503.7**	**341.4**	**6 845.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	*1998-1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000-2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
9 034.6	5 625.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	5 366.2
–	–	(b) Substantive activities	–
1 989.0	–	(c) Operational projects	–
Total	**11 023.6**	**5 625.5**	**5 366.2**
Total (1) and (2)	**21 029.3**	**11 493.5**	**12 211.3**

Table 9.30 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Executive Office

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	2	2	–	–	1	1	3	3
P-4/3	3	3	–	–	5	5	8	8
Total	**6**	**6**	**–**	**–**	**6**	**6**	**12**	**12**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	–	–	4	4	6	6
Other level	6	7	–	–	5	5	11	12
Total	**8**	**9**	**–**	**–**	**9**	**9**	**17**	**18**
Grand total	**14**	**15**	**–**	**–**	**15**	**15**	**29**	**30**

9.170 The Executive Office assists the Under-Secretary-General in discharging the Department's responsibilities in the areas of personnel, finance and general administration. In addition, the Office provides administrative and programme support for the implementation of the operational programmes of the Department, including technical cooperation activities, extrabudgetary projects and other special operations. The Office also assists the programme managers of the divisions in the implementation of the work programme through the provision of advice on personnel, financial and administrative policies and procedures. In the biennium 2000–2001, the focus of the Executive Office will be on improving the provision of programme support in a more efficient and effective manner, both in the traditional areas of responsibility and in the additional aspects of human resources management that are expected to be decentralized and delegated from the central administration of the Secretariat to the Department.

Resource requirements

Posts

9.171 The amount of $2,539,400, reflecting an increase of $113,100, would be required for the posts shown in table 9.30. The increase accounts for one General Service (Other level) post redeployed from Subprogramme 8, Public economics and public administration. The additional post would contribute to improved provision of services, bearing in mind the responsibilities that decentralization and delegation of administrative functions from the central administration of the Secretariat to departments are adding to the work of the Executive Office.

Other staff costs

9.172 An estimated provision of $1, 074,800, reflecting an increase of $522,600 would be required for the Department as follows: $128,600 for overtime; $423,600 for general temporary assistance needs during periods of peak workloads and for replacement of staff on sick or prolonged leave; and $522,600 for general temporary assistance specifically for the purpose of preparing backlog volumes of the *Repertory Practice of United Nations Organs*. The increase of $522,600 is due to these requirements.

General operating expenses

9.173 The estimated provision of $1,795,800, at the maintenance level, relates to the Department's requirements for rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment, including its share of the maintenance and support of the LAN technical infrastructure, including IMIS, e-mail and other electronic services ($456,100); communications ($637,500); maintenance of office automation equipment and other equipment ($637,700); and miscellaneous services ($64,500).

Hospitality

9.174 Requirements estimated at the maintenance level of $16,700 would cover the costs of official functions.

Supplies and materials

9.175 An estimated provision of $183,700, at the maintenance level, would be required to cover the Department's expendable office supplies and materials, including paper and stationery and electronic data- and word-processing supplies.

Furniture and equipment

9.176 Requirements of $893,300, at the maintenance level, for the Department's acquisition of furniture and equipment would be used to update and replace existing office automation equipment.

2. Information Support Unit

Table 9.31 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	897.8	1 717.6	–	–	1 717.6	105.7	1 823.3
Contractual services	–	88.7	–	–	88.7	4.3	93.0
Supplies and materials	–	52.1	–	–	52.1	2.6	54.7
Total	**897.8**	**1 858.4**	**–**	**–**	**1 858.4**	**112.6**	**1 971.0**

Table 9.32 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Information Support Unit

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-4/3	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-2/1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Total	**5**	**5**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5**	**5**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other level	4	4	–	–	–	–	4	4
Total	**5**	**5**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5**	**5**
Grand total	**10**	**10**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10**	**10**

9.177 Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Under-Secretary-General, the Information Support Unit provides and uses information technology in order to support the needs of staff for electronic information services to facilitate both research and dissemination of documents and participation of Member States, non-governmental organizations and civil society in the intergovernmental processes serviced by the Department.

9.178 During the biennium, the Unit will focus on the use of electronic services for coordinating, integrating and providing information technology services in the Department and the global dissemination of parliamentary information on behalf of the Department's substantive units via the public access Web site and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs gopher site.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.179 The estimated amount of $1,717,600, at the maintenance level, would provide for the posts shown in table 9.32.

Contractual services

9.180 An estimated provision of $88,700, at the maintenance level, would be required for specialized services for system development and data analysis and in support of the evolution of IMIS from a demonstration system to a fully operational system.

Supplies and materials

9.181 An estimated provision of $52,100, at the maintenance level, would cover subscriptions to textual, numerical and bibliographic databases on-line and on CD-ROM, and to journals and reference books to support the normative, analytical and coordination work of the Department.

Table 9.33 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the internal and external oversight bodies and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/7 (Chap. II, Part IV))	
The Committee is of the view that the number of meetings and the cost of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery should be more transparent. To that end, the Committee requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to include in the next budget information in that regard, as well as information on the subsidiary machinery of the Committee (para. IV.4).	Substantive and technical support to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery is provided by various United Nations Secretariat departments and other offices. This support is provided in addition to other responsibilities entrusted to these entities. In this regard, staff of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination (3 or 4 staff members), while carrying out work in other areas of responsibility, provide substantive support directly to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery, in particular the Organizational Committee, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions and the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development. In addition, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women provides substantive and technical support to the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality, and the Division for Sustainable Development provides support to the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and the Subcommittees on Water Resources and Oceans and Coastal Areas. Other divisions within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs that provide assistance include the Population Division (Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections), and the Statistical Division (Subcommittee on Statistics). A dedicated secretariat for the Administrative Committee on Coordination became operational effective 1 September 1998. The Office for Inter-Agency Affairs provides substantive and technical support directly to the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery. The office is staffed mainly by officers seconded from organizations of the United Nations system. It should be noted that other sections of the budget, in addition to section 9,

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
	include a number of staff that undertake responsibilities related to the provision of substantive and technical support to the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in particular its subsidiary machinery. These include the Department of Management (Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions), in particular its financial and budgetary and personnel matters components, and the Information Systems Coordination Committee, the Department of Public Information (Joint United Nations Information Committee), the Office of Legal Affairs (Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas) and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (Subcommittee on Drug Control). The United Nations also shares in the cost of operation of the jointly financed committees: the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions, the Information Systems Coordinating Committee and the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
The Committee requests that the Secretary-General, in the context of the next programme budget, provide information on current and envisaged arrangements, if any, with conventions served by the United Nations (para. IV.7).	The Department has had no arrangements with respect to conventions served by the United Nations since 1 January 1999, when the interim secretariat of the Convention on Desertification ceased being funded by the United Nations regular budget.
The Committee pointed out that it was not clear which proposed activities were proposed in direct response to specific requests by the intergovernmental machinery and which originated from the Department itself, and indicated that accurate costing of the implications of the decisions of intergovernmental bodies related to the programme of work should be provided (para. IV.14).	The proposed activities of the Department are drawn from the medium-term plan and recent resolutions and decisions of intergovernmental bodies. Any additional mandate is analysed on the basis of implications to the work programme — whether it can be accommodated within existing resources or requires additional resources. If it requires additional resources, detailed justification is provided and the full costing is submitted through a statement of programme budget implications.
The Committee recommended that the intergovernmental machinery become more involved in the review of the publications programme and that the use of new methods and technologies for the production and dissemination of publications be explored (para. IV.19).	In addition to the intergovernmental machinery review of the individual programmes of work and publications of the Department, the Department also initiates at the commencement of each biennium a review of its publications with a view to streamlining, elimination and consolidation. The Department now uses all the modern methods of disseminating its information, including Web sites, the Internet and CD-ROMs.

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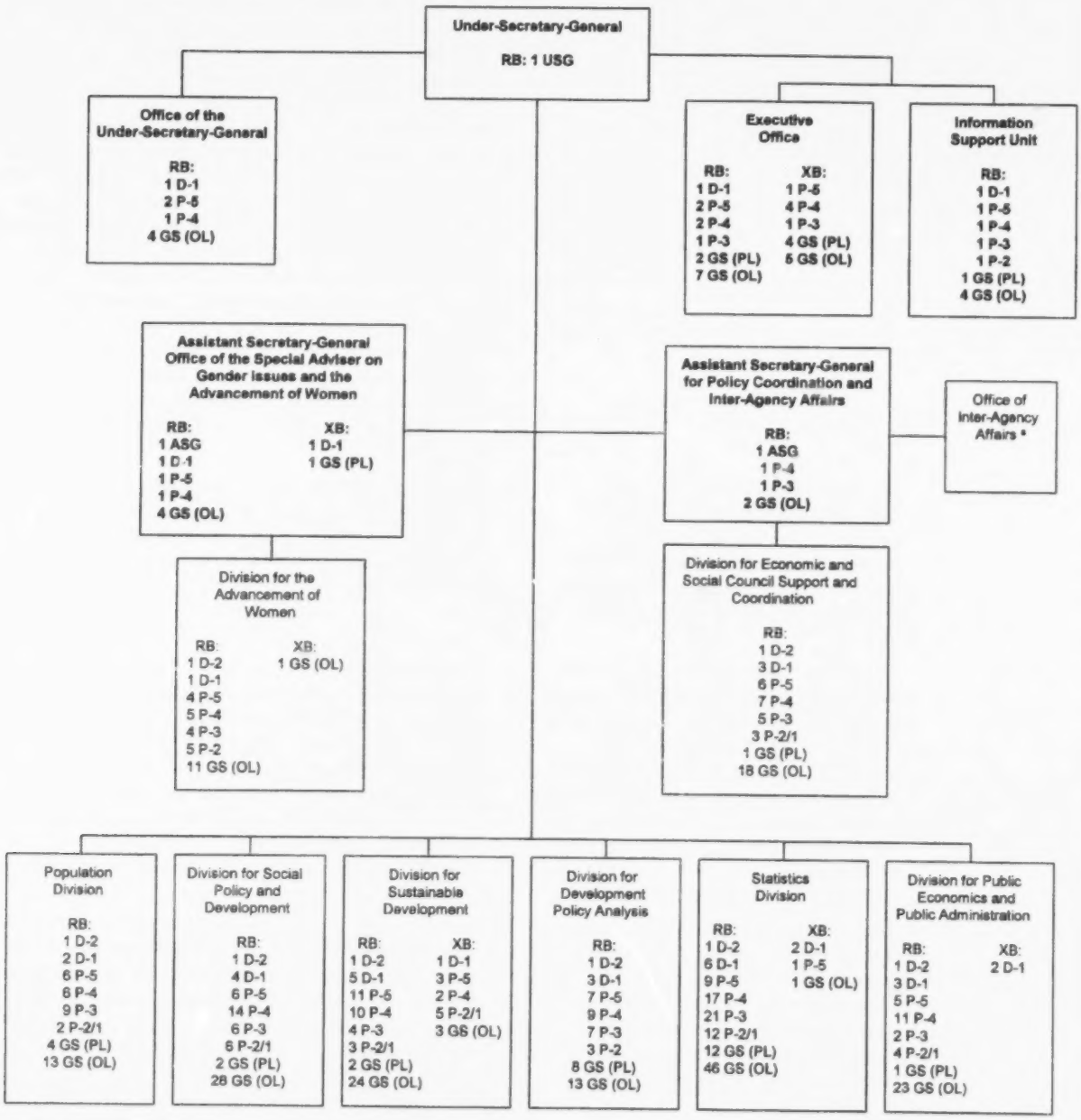

[a] Staffed essentially through secondments from member organizations.